I Attention: Ms Sarah Newlands

Dear Ms Newlands

Further to my recent correspondence, I wish to draw attention to another significant error in Committee Report 52. I regret the necessity to do so.

Committee Report 52 sets out (at [3.100]) what is said to be the CRPD's definition of 'inclusive education'. The language quoted is not in fact drawn from the CRPD. It is taken, as the footnotes correctly acknowledge, from UN General Comment No 4.

It is uncontroversial that General Comment No 4 does not provide an authoritative interpretation of Art 24 of the CRPD (which addresses the right to inclusive education). The interpretation of Art 24 is controversial. For example, the Australian Government does not accept that General Comment No 4 correctly interprets Art 24.

In any event, it is factually incorrect to state that the CRPD defines inclusive education in the language quoted at [3.100].

I make no comment on Finding 6 in Committee Report 6.

Yours sincerely

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