

Submission
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**THE PROGRAM OF APPLIANCES FOR DISABLED
PEOPLE (PADP)**

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Submission to the Inquiry into the Program of Appliances for Disabled People

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this submission to the Inquiry into the NSW Program of Appliances Disabled People.

NSW PADP INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE

That General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 inquire into and report on the Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP), and in particular:

1. *Adequacy of funding for present and projected program demand*
2. *Impact of client waiting lists on other health sectors*
3. *Effects of centralising PADP Lodgement Centres and the methods for calculating and implementing financial savings from efficiency recommendations*
4. *Appropriateness and equity of eligibility requirements*
5. *Future departmental responsibility for the PADP*
6. *Any other related matter.*

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Kerry's requirements with PADP are dealt with the OT at the Ballina Hospital or his Case Manager at the Richmond Community Options (COMMUNITY HEALTH).

Kerry used wait up to 5 years for his needs, wheelchair, electric bed etc but things seems to have improved of late as he is getting a new shower chair, new mattress and best of all a new wheelchair.

His shower chair is OK only having the seat to his requirements altered.

His mattress has been ordered...do not know when this will be approved.

His new wheelchair has been tried out but it was a two hand one and he needs a right hand drive.

I had his Case Manager arrange for the Physio to come and see Kerry as he is bending over and his speech is getting worse.

The Physio said his chair is the wrong type and he need one that has a head rest so his chest is open and he can get air into his lungs.

I have been telling the OT's that he has the wrong chair but they know best and all these years wasted.

Hope this is of use to you and I am very sorry for the delay.

Again, thank you for providing the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the NSW PADP; I trust that these issues above will be given serious consideration and that the inquiry results in a positive outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Trish