

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO POST SCHOOL DISABILITY PROGRAMS

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Subject:

Summary

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1. HAS ^{YOUR} ~~THE~~ PROGRAM CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR? ^{How?}

Yes, My program has changed very significantly, ~~as~~ in terms of support hours, how many days of support I get every week, and grouping of consumers. ~~Last~~ ^{Last} year I got supported four days a week, but now only three days a week.

2. WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THESE CHANGES?

I ~~was~~ ^{was} given a document by my support service ~~about~~ about the proposed funding changes in July 2004, and I also attended the rally in Sydney to protest against the funding cuts.

3. ARE THERE THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T DO ANYMORE BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES TO YOUR PROGRAM?

~~I used to~~

I used to attend a gym once a week ~~under~~ under the old system, but now I am lucky to go even once a month. I also ~~used~~ used libraries during support ~~time~~ time, but now I go outside my support time. ~~I also get~~
~~one-on-one support~~

4. ARE THERE ANY NEW THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO BECAUSE OF THESE CHANGES?

Yes, I can go with a group to a range of new activities including movies, tours etc. and do office work one day a week.

5. WHAT DIFFERENCES DO THESE CHANGES MAKE TO YOUR LIFE?

- Being supported in a group instead of one-on-one support
- an extra day to access the community unsupported
- reduced support hours
- loss of specialised support
- increased transport fees