

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

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PADP Inquiry Chair.

Hon. Robyn Parker M L C.

My name is Ian Justice I am the fulltime care of my wife Dell Justice who is totally dependent due to two lots of Oligodendroglioma [brain tumours] the first in 1987 from which was almost all removed and radiated and she almost completely recovered from and the second in 2003 which was totally removed but has left her totally dependent. I retired as a meat inspector after 40 years in 1999, I am now aged 68 and Dell is 66. I have been looking after her since April 03 and it's not easy, I do get help with some equipment from the PADP and carers from Homecare who do showers, respite and house cleaning.

My experience with the PADP started in about May 03 when the district nurse who was overseeing the carer who was helping me wash and dress Dell mentioned that there was such a thing but didn't tell me how to access it. Dell was in and out of hospital and rehab up until Sept 03 I had a loan wheelchair to start but because it wasn't approved I could only have for 6 weeks, I didn't know to get it approved so the loan one went back and I bought our first wheelchair. My next experience was bought about by Dell's continued fitting and loss of control of her right side. This led to us [Dell & me] meeting the Community occupational therapist who we found makes home visits to access sick people's needs and make recommendations to the PADP regarding aids to assist people staying out of hospitals. As I remember it took about 6 weeks before it was our turn to be visited for the first time but it was worth the wait as she was a big help. It still takes about that time for a homevisit.

We have progressed in the system and now have on loan an electric hoist, a shower chair and a pressure cushion. We were approved to receive an electric bed but couldn't wait for it and had to buy our own due urgent need. We have been in receipt of incontinence items since July 04 We were approved in Dec 03 but due to funding and high demand it took till July to start receiving them.

All my dealings with the PADP have been good except for the delays, the service is good, the staff are helpful and polite. I would like to continue with things the way they are, however with the CAAS in place and the money it supplies having to be spent before the PADP can resupply seems to me to be duplication of service. The CAAS money does not cover the costs of supplies so why not continue with the PADP as the sole supplier and have CAAS send the money to it.

I don't like change, I don't like duplication, and the last thing I need to worry about is where the pads are coming from and when.

My home phone number is _____ and I would be happy to arrange to talk to your Inquiry if required.

REGARDS

