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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.

My name is Mark Stallard of the address above who yes at present am still a client of the P.A.D.P services of N.S.W. My necessity for equipment comes by the fact that I am classified a T-4 paraplegic meaning I have no feeling from the nipple line down & you may notice I am only classified a paraplegic meaning I should still have use of both hands which I am unfortunate enough to have also suffered a brachial plexus injury to my left arm meaning my left arm is of no use at all which then results in further difficulties with balance, posture, ect. My issues I'd like to raise are since my accident back in 2001 I have put on a significant amount of weight partly due to lack of exercise & partly due to giving up smoking then also I will admit my diet as well yet due to waiting lists for equipment I am still having to shower in my comode chair that I was measured up for back in 2001-2002, this in turn is resulting in me having to sit on my testes for a period of approximately 1 hour each & every day, I know this may sound humorous to you but believe me from my side it is the start of my day that I get off to seven days per week which is not a nice way to start my day. My second issue comes from due to the brachial plexus injury to my left arm I have to use a powered wheel chair & once more I know I am lucky to have back up in the form of a one armed person manual chair but again because of posture issues I am unable to be seated in it, I received it as

a back up for my powered wheelchair so when it needed maintenance I could still be out of bed & my plan to attempt to help with my weight problem was to be that for one day per week I'd go into my manual chair & have to exercise though once again my posture has degraded to such an extent with no modifications to the chair I am unable to use my manual chair until modifications are made to it, Sarah McBurney from the Bathurst seating clinic did come to see me about & I'm awaiting any news of it, my shower comode issue is being handled by Lyndall Ross the OT involved with the Bathurst Brain Injury Program who I fit in with them as well due to my frontal lobe brain injury.

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,

Mark D Stallard.