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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 the opportunity to make this submission to the Inquiry into the NSW Program of Appliances Disabled People.

By way of context, I am a carer for my 71 year-old husband, who suffered a spinal stroke in 2003, rendering him quadriplegic. This unforeseen event changed our lives and has placed arrange of pressures on both of us.

So that I could care for my husband, I sold my small business and our home of 40 years which were both located in suburban Five Dock. There was no insurance coverage or payout for my husband's injury and we have relied on our own modest savings, the public health system and the pension for survival.

PADP supply my husband with a level funding for his bed, wheelchair, home modification, repairs to equipment & his daily needs such as catheters, urine bags & incontinence needs.

In a civilised, relatively prosperous society, I think it is extremely important to ensure that people with high needs, such as my husband continues to receive the support that is available from PADP.

Because PADP does not cover all of the costs associated with my husbands needs, a great deal of pressure is placed on our household budget. It is very important to not only continue this program, but to increase the funding it provides.

My husband and I are not facing the challenges I mentioned because of any poor choices we have made, but through a rare medical illness. I hope that my letter conveys the situation we are in and the great need that exists for an increase in funding for the PADP.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Kay Brooks