

Submission
No 6

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

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The Director,
General Purpose Standing Committee No 2
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To whom it may concern,
I am writing in response to this newspaper
article, in our local paper - The Northern
Daily Leader Thursday July 17, 2008.

As a concerned grandmother I write to you
my grandson Joshua, aged 2 1/2 years has
been diagnosed with "Failure to Thrive"
and Chronic Reflux" (This has been on-going
since birth.) He relies upon a feeding tube
inserted in his tummy for his formula feeds.
This is my concern:

The R.D.P. Centre, connected to Tamworth
Base Hospital, have told me they can
only supply

BATON DEVICE CONTINUOUS FEEDING TUBES
every 6 months, +
KENDALL KANGAROO 1,000 MIL PUMP SET BAGS
every 3 months.

They have told me "they have to keep their
costings down" HOWEVER
if I phone John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle
with my concern, they will send up a
R.U to help us out.

Joshua has to be taken to Newcastle every
three months for a regular check up with
his consultant paediatrician, who he has
seen since 3 months of age.

My concern is not having access to more
feeding tubes and bags for hygienic and
health reasons, when it clearly states
on the instructions to use - 1 TUBE DAILY +
REPLACE EACH BAG AFTER USE.

Thank you for letting me raise my concern

Yours Faithfully

Beverley Horner

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Disabled waiting on equipment asked to speak up

INTERESTED groups, families or individuals have been urged to contribute to the NSW Parliament's Inquiry into the Program of Appliances for Disabled People.

Tamworth MP Peter Draper said there had been reports of people with a disability waiting months to be supplied with suitable appliances.

"We are talking about people who need to access custom-made shoes, wheelchairs or improved wheelchair seating, mobility aids, computer-assisted communication devices, hoists and slings," he said.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

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

The closing date for written submissions is Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

Submissions can be mailed to The Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No 2, Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney 2000 or by fax to 9230 3416. Email submissions can be directed to gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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