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**Department of Social Services**

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**Secretary**

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Vice President Hatcher  
Fair Work Commission  
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Dear Vice President Hatcher

**Concerning matter AM2014/286 Supported Employment Services Award 2010**

I refer to the letter from the then Secretary of the Department of Social Services (the Department) on 16 August 2017 regarding the Commission's consideration of proposed variations to the *Supported Employment Services Award 2010* (SES Award).

I would like to reiterate that the Department is not a party to the matter before the Commission; however, as the owners of the Supported Wage System, the Commonwealth has an interest in matters concerning this assessment tool.

I wish to clarify that the Department's indication in that letter of a preference in relation to other tools in the SES Award did not constitute a concluded Government position. The Government believes that this is a matter for the Award parties and the Fair Work Commission. Noting that the Commission's Determination of 20 October 2017 inserted the varied SWS into the SES Award, the Department does not intend to make any further submissions to this matter at this time.

The Government will continue to follow the proceedings in the Commission and ensure future policy settings allow for the ongoing viability of Australian Disability Enterprises for employees, their families and carers, and the businesses, while also meeting Australia's obligations under international law.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Campbell'.

Kathryn Campbell

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