**Telling Your DSP Story**

The Parliament in Canberra is holding an Inquiry into the Disability Support Pension. They want to hear from people with disability who applied for or receive the DSP

This is a chance for you to write to the Parliament and tell them your DSP story.

If you want to tell the Senators at Parliament House Canberra your DSP Story you have until:

**25th of June 2021**

You can also ask for more time by emailing:

**Community.Affairs.Sen@aph.gov.au**

You should include the following information at the start of your story. However you don’t have to. Its your choice

* Name
* Where you live
* What is your Disability
* What would you like to tell the Committee

To help you tell your DSP story the Community Affairs References Committee has written a list of ideas that you might use to help tell your DSP story

You can tell your DSP story that uses one of the ideas from the list or all of ideas or none of them – its your DSP Story so its up to you

1. What happened to you when you applied for the DSP?
2. How hard was it to prove you had a disability and how that made you feel?
3. Did you ever appeal a decision by Services Australia – what was the outcome and what happened to you along the way?
4. Once you were on the DSP could you find the job you wanted / any job? Which do you prefer living on the DSP or being paid a salary for working
5. Were you able to live a comfortable life on the DSP?
6. Did you ever experience discrimination from a boss because you were on the DSP?
7. What supports would you have wanted to help you become eligible for the DSP or to get a job whilst on the DSP?
8. Do you think that the DSP should be increased?
9. What other financial support do you think people with disability need to live a comfortable life?
10. What happened to you when you applied for the DSP
11. How did applying for and receiving the DSP experience affect your life?
12. What would you like to see changed when applying for the DSP
13. What recommendations do you have for the Committee