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Luke Donnellan MP
Minister for Child Protection, Disability, Ageing and Carers
Shops 101 & 102, Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre, Heatherton Rd & Matthew Flinders Ave
Endeavour Hills, VIC, 3802

Dear Mr Donnellan,

Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. is the peak body for independent Victorian advocacy agencies.

We have been receiving disturbing feedback in recent times in relation to the capacity of advocacy agencies to meet the needs of Victorians with disabilities.

We are aware of practices such as extended waiting lists, closing waiting lists until further notice, and greater pressure on staff to meet the increasing expectations of the disability community, which appear to be linked to advocacy required in response to their interaction with the NDIS.

We are further investigating this situation in order to provide you with more detailed information on what are clearly greater barriers for people with disabilities in Victoria accessing advocacy services. We believe that if it is the case that a Commonwealth program, being the NDIS, is taking away resources from Victorians with disabilities through the troubled nature of its administration, that this is something your office may wish to consider.

Kind regards,



Jan Ashford
Chairperson, Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.