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Dear Mr Buckley

Thank you for your Email of 11 February 2015 to the Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, seeking his support for an inquiry into Abuse and neglect of people with a disability. Your Email was referred to Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services, as this matter falls within his portfolio responsibilities. The Minister has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

As you are probably aware on 11 February 2015, the Australian Senate voted unanimously to refer this critical issue to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2015.

I encourage you to be involved by making a submission. More information about the inquiry including the full terms of reference is available at:  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Community\\_Affairs/Violence\\_abuse\\_neglect](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/Violence_abuse_neglect)

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Warren Pearson'.

**Warren Pearson AM**  
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