



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

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Dear Mr Buckley

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2022 to the Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, regarding your concerns around the operation of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). The Attorney-General has requested that the Attorney-General's Department respond to you on his behalf.

As you have noted, the Government is reforming Australia's system of administrative review. This reform will abolish the AAT and replace it with a new federal administrative review body. The reform process will be informed by an Expert Advisory Group chaired by former High Court Justice the Hon Patrick Keane AC KC. The Government will consult with stakeholders on the design of the new body.

I acknowledge your concerns regarding the operation of the AAT and appreciate your suggestions about improvements that can be made for NDIS participants. Your views will be considered as part of the reform work.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Bekkema', written in a cursive style.

A Bekkema
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