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By email: scrutiny@parliament.act.gov.au

Dear Mr Cain

I write in response to *Scrutiny Report 27* released on 27 March 2023 regarding the *Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) (Home Modifications) Guidelines 2023* (Home Modifications Guidelines) made under section 93 of the *Lifetime Care and Support (Catastrophic Injuries) Act 2014* (LTCS Act). The Standing Committee has sought my advice on the human rights implications of this instrument.

These particular Guidelines deal with issues related to home modifications that are required by people who have sustained a catastrophic motor accident or work injury covered by the LTCS Act. They provide for the LTCS Commissioner to pay the reasonable costs of home modifications to assist catastrophically injured persons to be able to, for example, increase the participant's independence and reduce the participant's need for other kinds of supports such as attendant care. As the LTCS Act provides 'beneficial legislation', in updating the Home Modifications Guidelines no human rights issues were identified.

I have requested that the Lifetime and Care Support Commission include a statement in relation to human rights in the explanatory statement for all future LTCS Guidelines when they are updated.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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