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Lack of Legal, Limits LISA

Dr Rhonda Galbally told the Canberra Press Club, that despite this nation enjoying the longest economic boom in its history, very little has changed for most Australians with a disability.

The findings of the Productivity Commission, in its preparation of the framework for a *National Disability Insurance Scheme*, to be presented to the Federal Government shortly, certainly confirms the views of Dr Galbally.

Spokesperson for family support group, “Lifestyle in Supported Accommodation (LISA) Inc”, Mr Tony Tregale, said, “These finding are so true!”

“It is a never ending battle against the bureaucracy of the Department of Human Services, Victoria, to have them consistently provide that necessary to ensure people with a disability receive quality of life care within the department’s own standards”, Mr Tregale said.

A recent survey of non government service providers by their peak body, National Disability Services (NDS), shows they are limited by this state government department in their endeavours to provide quality services for their residents and clients.

Mr Tregale said, LISA Inc is frequently limited in its endeavours to expose questionable services and practices, through lack of legal advice to help level the playing field with the Department of Human Services and its bureaucratic partners.

The objective of LISA Inc is to empower and support families with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability who is living in supported accommodation to better understand service provision procedures, care policies, standards and values, and thereby be better positioned to scrutinise service providers. And, to lobby service providers for consistent and meaningful provision of quality of life care.

