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### 'I'm not sick- I have a disability!'

Joe Hockey's suggestion that the NDIS could be administered under Medicare Private demonstrates that the Treasurer has little understanding of disabilities.

'I feel violated by this proposal' said Queensland Advocacy Incorporated President Byron Albury today.

'The whole point of the NDIS - what we've all been fighting for for so long - is to move away from a dependant medically-based model of disability'.

'We don't need treatment; we are not ill'.

'People may say "Does it matter which department/institution/authority administers the scheme, as long as it's out there?" but as far as I'm concerned, and many other people with disability are concerned, we've had enough of people feeling sorry for us, or treating us like we are sick. We're not sick; and with the right supports the sky is the limit for us' said Mr Albury.

'Mr Hockey should take a step back and consider that the blueprint for this reform, developed over many years with the imprimatur of the Productivity Commission, will only be undermined by last minute tampering'.

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