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## **EXPANSION OF THE DISABILITY WORKER'S EXCLUSION SCHEME (DWES) LIST**

As part of its response to the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry into Abuse in Disability Services, the Victorian Government committed to expand DWES to include **all** disability services. This means from **1 November 2017** DWES will apply to a broader group including:

- Case managers
- Disability Justice
- Outreach
- BIST

Currently a worker on the DWES List can work in other non-residential disability services (for example, day services) and can remain in a direct support care role without their employer knowing they are on the DWES List.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?**

- Your employer will soon write to you advising of the DWES expansion. They will also seek your consent to check if you are on the DWES List.
- If you consent, your employer will check if your name is on the DWES List.
- If your name is on the DWES List your current employer will need to immediately remove you from any direct care/contact role.
- You can then apply to DWES to have your name removed from the List.

Disability workers shouldn't be too alarmed by this process. If you are on the list you should have already received a letter/s advising that you may be, or are on, the List.

Please contact HACSU Assist on 1300 651 931 if you have any queries.