Dear Doctor

I am writing to ask for your help with my application for Disability Support Pension (DSP).

Under s. 94 of the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth), a person qualifies for DSP when they meet these six criteria:

1. are aged over 16 and
2. meet the Australian residence requirements and
3. have participated in a program of support for at least 18 months in the three years’ prior to applying for DSP (unless a single permanent medical condition scores 20 points or more) and
4. have **permanent medical condition/s**, which means:
   1. **fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised** and
   2. **unlikely to significantly improve** in the next two years and
5. score **at least 20 points** for their impairments on the **Impairment Tables** and
6. have a **continuing inability to work** more than **15 hours per week** **for the next two years**.

I need you to provide some more information about criteria 4–6.

Please write a letter to Centrelink which answers the following questions about **all** of my conditions:

1. *Fully diagnosed and treated*
   1. What was the date of onset and diagnosis of my conditions?
   2. What are my symptoms?
   3. What treatments have I had?
   4. What treatments will likely be continued for the next two years?
2. *Fully stabilised and unlikely to improve*
   1. Are further treatments *reasonably* available that are likely to lead to a significant functional improvement in my conditions enabling me to work in the next 2 years?
   2. If there is treatment which is reasonably available which I have not undertaken, is there a medical or other reason for me not to undertake the treatment?
3. *Impairment ratings*
   1. In close reference to the relevant Impairment Tables, what impairment rating do you allocate to each of my conditions?
   2. In close reference to the Descriptors in the relevant Impairment Tables, what are the functional impacts of my conditions on the relevant activities?
4. *Continuing inability to work*
   1. Am I unable to *work for at least 15 hours a week* for at least the next two years because of the functional impairments caused by my conditions?
   2. Am I unable to undertake *training activities* for at least the next 2 years because of the functional impairments caused by my conditions?
   3. If I am able to undertake training, will my impairments still prevent me from working in the next 2 years?
   4. If I have provided you with a Job Capacity Assessment report from Centrelink, is there anything in that report that you disagree with?
   5. Is there any other information that you think is relevant?

I need you to read the relevant Impairment Tables and the Rules for Applying the Impairment Tables before you write your letter and state which Impairment Tables you are using to rate my conditions.

You can view the DSP Impairment Tables at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2011L02716>

Please make sure that your letter is on your letterhead and is signed and dated.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Yours faithfully

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