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Multicap invites Senator Hanson to meet with people with disability

Multicap rejects the statements made yesterday by Senator Pauline Hanson about the treatment of young Australians with disability in our schooling system, and in response invites Senator Hanson to visit and meet with the many extraordinary people with disability we support each and every day.

Multicap has been a dedicated advocate and supporter of people of all abilities in our community for 55 years. In those 55 years, our families and staff have seen significant change to society's treatment of people with different abilities. Although there are still challenges to be faced, there has been significant improvements in our treatment and acceptance towards people with disability.

Senator Hanson's comments indicate a lack of awareness of the many talents and benefits people with disability bring to their community and schooling system. It is beneficial for people with disability to engage with their peers, and it is just as beneficial for their peers to engage with and learn from other children of all abilities.

A quick visit to our Monte Lupo Ceramics Studio, our Makeables Packing and Packaging warehouses, or even our many Multicap Hubs shows such a wide and welcoming array of people of all abilities, and the many outstanding things people with disability can achieve, when they are treated with respect and the right to integrate with other members of society.

Multicap welcomes Senator Hanson to broaden her understanding of what it means to live with different abilities by visiting a Multicap location. Our customers and assisted employees are wonderful people, regardless of ability, and we believe they are the best advocates for their rights.

We look forward to welcoming Senator Hanson and broadening her understanding of what it means to live and thrive with disability.

Multicap is a leading Queensland disability support agency, assisting more than 800 people with disability and their families throughout Queensland and Northern New South Wales. We provide accommodation, respite, assisted employment and training, specialist services, activities and classes, and social support. Our aim is to enhance the quality of life of people with disability and their families.