

Priorities  
of the  
South Australian Council on Intellectual Disability Inc  
for the  
South Australian Election 2010



*Working towards achieving a South Australian community in which people with intellectual disability are involved and accepted as equal participating members.*

In line with the requirements of SACID's constitution all parties are called upon for a commitment of adequate individual person centred funding to enable people with intellectual disability to have CONTROL over where and with whom they live and how and by whom they are supported.

SACID calls for—

1. An immediate **Review of the SA DISABILITY SERVICES ACT 1993** using the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** as the overarching reference document.

Within a new Disability Services Act it must be legislated that —

- ◆ Supports and services funding is an **ENTITLEMENT** which is delivered as a
  - ◆ **DIRECT PAYMENT** and is arrived at by an-
    - ◆ Open and transparent **SELF ASSESSED RESOURCE ALLOCATION PROCESS** which is accompanied by an amount of money which reflects the **NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND WHERE APPROPRIATE THEIR FAMILIES.**
    - ◆ Individuals and/or their families can then choose how to use that funding in a way which **"MAKES MOST SENSE"** to them.
- 2. A **COMMUNITY VISITORS PROGRAMME** which provides monitoring and inspection of all government and private residential accommodation for those who eventually need or want to live in them. Advocacy for individuals to ensure their safety and wellbeing and the availability of all reports which occur is an essential component of a CVP.
- 3. A **DEPARTMENT OF THE SENIOR PRACTITIONER** to monitor, implement, and protect the rights of people who because they have behaviours of concern which might result in challenging behaviours, complex, high needs and high risk, are subject to restrictive interventions and compulsory treatment.

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