



## **Social Inclusion Initiative - Disability Blueprint e-bulletin**

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### **A message from the Social Inclusion Board**

In late 2009, the Social Inclusion Board was asked by the Premier to develop a reform plan to change the way that services and community responds to the needs of people with disability, as well as their families and carers.

The voice of people with disability has been at the forefront of the Social Inclusion Board's reform directions. Last year, the Board was overwhelmed by the response from the community during our consultation process. We heard strong messages from South Australians with disability regarding the shortfalls of the current system as well as ideas for directions for reform. We also heard about the daily barriers to access and inclusion people with disability face in their local communities and have gained a picture of how our communities should look. In total, more than 2000 submissions were received from the community during the consultation process.

The input from people living with disability, their families, carers and those who work in the sector has been crucial in ensuring that the reform plan addresses the areas of highest priority and understands the impact for those affected by these reforms.

The Board is committed to delivering a bold plan that encompasses both government and the community. The Board is now in the final stages of developing the reform plan with recommendations to the Government based on the information received from the community. This plan will be delivered to the Government in October.

For more information and to read the Board's Discussion Paper *Activating Citizenship - a Social Inclusion Approach to Disability in South Australia*, visit [www.socialinclusion.sa.gov.au](http://www.socialinclusion.sa.gov.au)

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