



# “HAS RANN GOT THE INTEGRITY?”

To personally deliver the damning Social Inclusion Report on his governments disability failure?

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In 2001 before he was elected Premier of SA Mike Rann pledged to deliver

- 100 new supported accommodation positions for people with disability immediately
- And a ten year plan to address unmet need and allow for future disability services growth

The 100 new accommodation positions took nearly six years to eventuate.

No financial plan exists today to address critical unmet need and allow for future disability demand.

Instead there exists today extraordinary waiting lists for critical services

The attachment confirms in the super critical category one crisis area alone the number of people with disability waiting for services has skyrocketed since 2008 alone from

- **289 to 446 needing supported accommodation up 54.3%**
- **411 to 655 needing accommodation support up 59.4%**
- **63 to 98 needing community support up 55.6%**
- **57 to 79 needing community access support up 38.6%**
- **80 to 156 needing respite support up 95%**
  
- **525 to 886 clients in total rated category 1 now desperately looking for services up 68.8%**

Including all category clients the June 2011 published data shows 2567 disabled South Australians awaiting services.

Disability Speaks understands Mr Rann now has in his possession the final Cappel Social Inclusion Report. Mr Rann is The Minister for Social Inclusion and this report and the government's planned response is a major issue he should address before he resigns.

Mr Rann has been long criticized for being more focused on self promotion than fixing disability issues. Will this approach change now?

This report two years in the making involved over 1,000 South Australians providing feedback. David Cappel is much admired for his professional and clinical reporting of serious social issues. Is the Premier now willing to release what promises to be confirmation of unfulfilled promises and a damning assessment on his government at a time when he appears desperate to sell himself as an all time great Premier and statesman. This report will confirm major failure.

We call on the Premier to release the Cappel Report forthwith

When former Treasurer Kevin Foley recently defied critics "not to tarnish the Rann Foley legacy" he may well have been suffering from the same amnesia that Rann showed following his 2001 Disability promises.

Given the overwhelming negative data Mr Rann will have difficulty explaining how

- He and Foley won 10 annual awards in a row for providing the lowest funding for disability services per client of any state in the nation
- The tragedy of the avoidable shocking Eitzen episode and other episodes of parents harming their children was allowed to happen
- SA felt the need to elect Kelly Vincent MLC D4D to Parliament as the Rann ALP continually ignored the disability sector's escalating desperate need
- He personally felt when hundreds of people in wheelchairs were forced to march on parliament house to seek basic dignity
- 30-40 people with disability are still annually dumped by their families or left homeless when support collapses
- Disability crisis and waiting lists were routinely given such a low priority when funding was allocated by cabinet that they have now tripled in his time as Premier

The question is will Mr Rann have the integrity to release the Social Inclusion report or will that depart with him

It is expected that the Cappel Report will be a comprehensive summary of a crisis, despair and depression from a sector starved of attention and funding.

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