



“New Premier Signs On?”

And disability discussions make his first day agenda

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After being sworn in just last Friday, spending the weekend at the ALP State Convention and then reporting for work Monday in his new office, incoming Premier Jay Weatherill found time to talk disability on his first full day at work.

Such genuine interest will be applauded and commended by the SA disability sector.

Premier Weatherill made time to meet with IDASA Chair David Holst Monday who reported after the meeting

“Jay has taken the reigns in SA at a time when disability sector expectations have never been higher. The release of the NDIS report, the launch of the Cappo report and the appointment as Premier of a man who was widely seen by the disability sector during his time as Disability Minister as an excellent Minister, who got the message, understood the problems and who really cared about the disability crisis.

Now he has taken control the sector will be looking forward to an enhanced profile for the sector, increased priority for support and progress from the excellent work of Mons Cappo.

In general discussion Mr Weatherill made it apparent his passion for this sector was not diminished and he intended to make a bold effort to improve outcomes for those in the sector. He commented that he believed the timing of the Cappo Report was opportune and beneficial.”

Disability Speaks has offered to work with the new Premier and Disability Minister the Hon Ian Hunter to distribute via our database important communications and messages. Mr Weatherill understands that the sector can be vocal in its advocacy and Disability Speaks will continue to provide unbiased commentary reflecting events of both a positive and negative nature without fear or favour.

Given the DS commitment to choice we know the sector will support us.

We remind all sector members of the need to work in a cooperative fashion on cost effective and innovative outcomes, controlled by those with disabilities and their families and carers. The future must be consumer driven.

David Holst summarised "it was genuinely nice to talk to a Premier who understands the sector and does not need to be educated about the problem or possible solutions. We are living through an exciting era when long standing disability sector issues have a genuine chance of being addressed at both a state and federal level . Let's hope these issues can be given the priority they so desperately need."

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