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## **COMMUNITY VISITOR SCHEME – ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The establishment of a Disability Community Visitor Scheme (CVS) forms part of the Government's 2012-13 State Budget commitment to provide further protection to the rights of people with disabilities who live in disability accommodation or in Supported Residential Facilities (SRFs).

This funding was identified in response to the October 2011 Social Inclusion Report, *Strong Voices* recommendation to develop a disability CVS to ensure the quality of care for people with disabilities.

The Functions of the Community Visitor Scheme will be to:

- Perform visits and inspections of approved disability accommodation services and SRFs.
- Promote the proper resolution of complaints and advocate for the rights of individuals, and
- Refer issues of concern to relevant people or agencies, including the Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion.

The Principal Community Visitor is taking lead responsibility for the Disability CVS Implementation project, which seeks to develop the necessary governance, administrative and operational structures.

An Advisory Committee is to be established to provide strategic advice and support to the Principal Community Visitor, in this development phase of the Scheme.

Expressions of Interest (Eoi) are sought from:

- individuals who have lived experience of being a resident in disability accommodation or SRFs;
- family members such as parents, partners or siblings of those who have been residents of these facilities;
- Key stakeholders from disability accommodation or SRFs such as senior staff or managers.

Successful appointments to the Committee will:

- Have a personal lived experience and/or demonstrated knowledge of the issues and concerns facing people with disabilities living in disability accommodation or in Supported Residential Facilities.
- Have a demonstrated link to strategic networks in South Australia.
- Have a demonstrated ability to work effectively in partnership with key stakeholders, including people with disabilities, organisations and government departments.
- Have effective communication skills and the ability to provide strategic advice on practices and policies relating to current issues in disability accommodation or in Supported Residential Facilities.
- Have capacity to commit to attending meetings, participate in associated working group(s) and undertake required activities between meetings.

The Advisory Committee Terms of Reference can be downloaded on [sa.gov.au/CVS](http://sa.gov.au/CVS)

Applicants should complete the Expression of Interest form on [sa.gov.au/CVS](http://sa.gov.au/CVS). Please call the CVS Office on (08) 7425 7801 if you need to a copy sent to you directly. Submissions can be sent to the Community Visitor Scheme via [cvs@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:cvs@health.sa.gov.au) or posted to Level 12, 44 Waymouth Street, Adelaide 5000.

**Submissions close on Friday 26 October 2012.**

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