



SA Premier Drafted "AFL Disability Day"

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SA Premier Jay Weatherill has thrown his considerable support behind the push for an AFL Disability Recognition Round.

His attached letter to new AFL Supremo Gillon McLachlan is wonderful and appreciated.

Mr Weatherill should be warmly congratulated for this public show of support.

It is only through high level public awareness and recognition program's that the full benefit of community educational programs will positively change the perception towards people with disability with in our community. An AFL Disability Recognition round has the potential to assist that outcome.

Locally former AFL Superstar Neil Sachse has also thrown his support behind this program and that of his foundation behind this initiative. A strong focus on spinal injury is a priority

Mr Sachse is widely respected for the wonderful work he has done around spinal injury support and recognition programs over an extended period.

IDASA and Mr Sachse are planning on working closely on a coordinated push to make this dream a reality.

We will also be asking Mr Weatherill to raise this program with his Victorian counterpart Dr Denis Napthine and seek his support.

There should be no state of origin approach as this issue needs multiple and high level support to be successful.

The IDASA / Disability Speaks AFL day on June 21st will be a highlight for the now 85 invitees attending this big day out from Minda, Bedford, Kardinya, Scosa and Novita.

Mr Weatherill will also be attending this event.

We look forward with confidence to a higher priority for people with disability in community awareness programs like this.

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