



**I am pleased to announce that the Review of Disability Services has been completed and the Final Report released yesterday.**



On behalf of the Government, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Review process. Your contributions made the Review a successful and positive process and enabled a frank and forward looking Final Report to be produced.

The Government has accepted all seven of the Review's recommendations and endorsed and fully funded a three year action plan to reform the disability service system.

This represents a very significant moment in the history of disability services in this state.

To assist all interested stakeholders to understand more about the Review recommendations and the way forward for disability services, the Final Report and associated resources can now be accessed through the Department's website at [www.dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au)

The resources include both a summary of the implementation plan, and also a more detailed version that outlines all activities and tasks to be undertaken during the next three years

A set of Fact Sheets has also been prepared to provide more information on matters of detail.

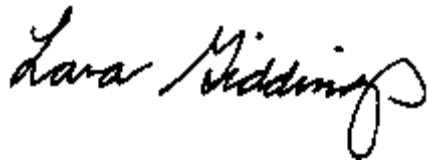
A two day workshop for key stakeholders will be held in July to allow further discussion of implementation and the next steps. This workshop will be led by the consultants and provide an opportunity for clarification of the Review findings as well as the way forward. The details of this workshop will be provided to attendees as soon as possible.

As you will see from the implementation plan, there is a great deal to be done in a short time. So that the system reform work can be undertaken without distraction from the day to day responsibilities of maintaining services, a Systems Establishment and Reform Unit will be created. This Unit will be headed by a Director with a small team of staff. Expressions of interest for these positions will be sought immediately. The Unit will also be responsible for the parallel work on reform of Family Services and Children in Care Services.

The next three years promises to be a very exciting time and as in any period of intense change there will be challenges to be overcome and issues to be resolved. One of the keys to success will be an even stronger partnership between government and non-government providers, people with disabilities and their families.

I am committed to achieving the vision for change that is outlined in the Report and building a new system of disability services in Tasmania that represents the best in contemporary practice both nationally and internationally.

I hope you will join me in achieving this vision.



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References:

Review of Disability Services – Final Report  
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