

## Development of a strategic plan for Disability Services funded respite and carer support

Victorian Department of Human Services

### Purpose of the project

KPMG is working with the Disability Services Division of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop a state-wide Strategic Plan for Disability Services funded respite and carer support.

The Strategic Plan will outline:

- the *long term goals* for Disability Services funded respite and carer support for the next three years;
- a *set of strategies*, with timelines, to support the achievement of the identified goals; and
- a *regional planning framework* to support each region to develop a regional Disability Services funded respite and carer support implementation plan.

The development of the Strategic Plan is a part of the broader strategy outlined in the *Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012* to reorient disability supports to be more flexible, to work with people as partners and to respond to individual needs. The Strategic Plan will contribute to a state-wide approach to improving supports for people with a disability and their carers in Victoria.

### Timeframes

The project has already commenced, and will run until mid September 2010. During this time, a range of activities will take place, including the development of a discussion paper and a number of stakeholder consultations with carers, service providers, peak bodies and government representatives.

It is anticipated that DHS will publicly release the Strategic Plan by December 2010.

## Opportunities for involvement

### *Written submissions*

KPMG will be producing a discussion paper which will cover key elements and issues which need to be considered in developing and improving supports for carers. The discussion paper will be available from the DHS website from early July 2010.

KPMG will be seeking feedback from individuals, carers, service providers and other relevant organisations on the discussion paper. Individuals and organisations will have **four weeks** to make a submission (via email, post or facsimile), with a closing date of **5 August 2010**. Submission details will be provided in the discussion paper.

### *Stakeholder consultations*

KPMG will also be undertaking consultations with a range of key stakeholders. These consultations will include a mix of one-on-one interviews and small group discussions with:

- people with a disability and their carers;
- respite and carer support service providers;
- peak organisations; and
- DHS central and regional office representatives.

The discussion paper will form the basis of these consultations.

These consultations are expected to take place in **July 2010**. Invitations will be provided shortly.

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