

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR VICTORIANS ON THE WAITING LIST FOR DISABILITY SERVICES

*(courtesy of Margaret Ryan, professional disability advocate)*

*Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested*

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION INQUIRIES

**DON'T MISS OUT ON VITAL INFORMATION**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW**

Wednesday, 27 February 2008 is a DAY TO REMEMBER. On this day both houses of the Parliament of Victoria debated and passed references to the Family and Community Development Committee for inquiries into supported accommodation in disability and/or mental health. The committee must report to the Parliament no later than 30 June 2009.

In a few weeks or so the Committee will be publicising the references. These will be inquired into at the same time. Make sure you do not miss out on participating in these unprecedented and historic inquiries.

Please register your interest in the Supported Accommodation Inquiries by the Family and Community Development Committee. Simply . . . . .

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**OR**

**POST A LETTER OR POSTCARD -**

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You only need to say something along the lines:

*I would like to be placed on your contact list for any and all information about the Family and Community Development Committee inquiries into supported accommodation.*

And sign off with your name, address and telephone number.

**For more information contact:**

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

Notice paper 54

Tuesday, 26 February 2008

**36 MR D.M. DAVIS** — To move —

That this House requires the Family and Community Development Committee to inquire, consider and report, no later than 30 June 2009, on the State Government's provision of supported accommodation for Victorians with a disability and/or mental illness with regard to the following:

*continued overleaf .....*

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- (1) Description of current Government funded supported accommodation, including the number and location of places, occupancy, staffing, demand management, methods of funding and oversight;
- (2) The adequacy of the current number of places and care provided in community residential units, residential institutions, community care units, secure extended care units, prevention and recovery care facilities and other forms of supported accommodation;
- (3) The adequacy and appropriateness of care and accommodation provided in various government, private and community facilities that accommodate clients with a disability or mental illness because of insufficient places in the specialist system, and in particular including supported residential services, boarding houses, public hospitals, nursing homes and SAAP funded services;
- (4) The impact on Victorian families of insufficient supported accommodation;
- (5) Estimates of future supported accommodation needs and the appropriateness and transparency of the Government's management of demand and placement;
- (6) The Government's response to unmet accommodation needs, including sources of funding, planning and delivery;
- (7) The ability of country Victorians to access supported accommodation and the appropriateness and quality of care they receive;
- (8) The ability of members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities to access supported accommodation and the appropriateness and quality of care they receive;
- (9) The appropriateness of the current mix of service providers, including Government, private and community; and
- (10) Alternate approaches addressing unmet needs for supported accommodation in Victoria.

[Notice given on 7 February 2008 — Listed for 1 day].

#### NOTICE PAPER 54

Wednesday 27 February 2008

**MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That under s 33 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003* the following matters be referred to the joint investigatory committees specified:

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- (2) To the Family and Community Development Committee - for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 30 June 2009 on the provision of supported accommodation for Victorians with a disability and/or mental illness and, in particular, the Committee is asked to report on the current situation in Victoria and compare it to best practice in other jurisdictions regarding:
    - (a) the standard and range of accommodation currently available;
    - (b) the extent of accommodation and services currently available, including the different models for service delivery and funding;
    - (c) the methods for measuring unmet demand for accommodation and how these can be improved;
    - (d) the process for managing service quality;
    - (e) availability of sufficient accommodation to meet future demand with an appropriate range of services;
    - (f) access and service issues for particular groups, including rural communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and indigenous Australians; and
    - (g) the impact on families of the current service provision of accommodation; and for the purpose of this inquiry 'supported accommodation' means public and private accommodation provided for people with a disability or mental illness who need additional support services but excludes mental health treatment services (SEC, PARC) and the disability forensic program (SFS).



***Kew Cottages Parents' Association congratulates the Victorian Members of Parliament and all the hard-working, determined disability advocates who have lobbied on the vital issue of unmet need in our state.***

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