



20 May 2011

Dear Autism Summit Attendee

Further to the National Autism summit held in Sydney on 1 April 2011, I am pleased to advise that significant progress on developing a more inclusive Peak body has been achieved.

The Australian Advisory Board on Autism Spectrum Disorders (AAB) met on the 19th and 20th of May 2011 and after discussions with Paul Blair who chaired the Summit, it was agreed the AAB would invite 2 additional Directors to join the AAB Board to work on the tasks at hand.

The AAB has agreed that we will invite A4 to nominate a director to ensure the voice of families and individuals are represented. We will also work with Autism Awareness as hosts of the summit to identify one more director. This is the first step in developing a more inclusive Peak body.

It was also agreed that a funding application be prepared and presented to the Honourable Jan McLucas to fund the establishment of a Secretariat for the AAB.

Subject to the success of this submission the Peak body would then seek to establish an ASD professional advisory body and a consumer engagement strategy.

The AAB is committed to establishing a more inclusive Peak body and to this end will provide ongoing updates on progress towards this goal.

Yours sincerely

Jon Martin
Chair
Australian Advisory Board.