

3 October 2014

Dear

**RE: SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING**

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the independent Interim Evaluation Report of the Supported Decision Making Project which has been hosted by the Office of the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC). Also attached is the HCSCC response to the evaluator's recommendations.

The second stage of the Supported Decision Making Project commenced in August 2014 and the final evaluation report will be available by September 2015.

The Office remains keen to identify opportunities for improving the lives of people living with significant disabilities. The independent evaluation has identified areas for honing the project but demonstrates that the program is on track and does indeed provide the means for better outcomes for participants.

The project builds on participants own and community networks and is a sound platform for safeguarding and allowing participants to exercise their rights as a citizen.

This project does not have short-cuts; it requires dedication, time and commitment from all involved but in my view the benefits of an investment will yield sound dividends to come.

Such insurance principles are highly commended to you. Please contact Ms Sandy Edwards at [sandy.edwards@hcscc.sa.gov.au](mailto:sandy.edwards@hcscc.sa.gov.au) or on 8226 8652 if you have any queries about the Supported Decision Making Project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Tully', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Steve Tully**  
**Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner**

Enc: HCSCC Interim Evaluation Report August 2014  
HCSCC responses to evaluator's recommendations  
HCSCC overview of the Supported Decision Making project