

Australian Social Inclusion Board public consultations on Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage

The Australian Social Inclusion Board (the Board) is currently conducting research on cycles of disadvantage. As part of this research, the Board will be holding public consultations in each capital city. You are invited to attend the consultation in your capital city to share your expertise, knowledge and experiences on cycles of disadvantage, and how people avoid or break out of disadvantage.

The Board was established in May 2008 as the main advisory body to the Government on ways to achieve better outcomes for the most disadvantaged. A key component of its role is also to consult widely with different members of the community to provide advice on how to improve social inclusion.

Consultations will be led by Patricia Faulkner AO, Chair of the Australian Social Inclusion Board. We are interested in hearing from people with experience and expertise on this topic, including providers of social welfare services, academics, researchers and particularly people who have experienced cycles of disadvantage themselves. We would be grateful if you could forward this email to your relevant colleagues.

Consultation schedule

Consultations will be held in all capital cities, on the dates below. Please note that the 'RSVP by' date is the last possible to register your interest to attend a session. **HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT PLACES AT ALL SESSIONS WILL BE LIMITED, AND REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED ON A FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED BASIS.**

Canberra:	22 July, 9am-12pm (RSVP by 15 July)
Sydney:	26 July, 9am-12pm (RSVP by 19 July)
Adelaide:	30 July, 9am-12pm (RSVP by 23 July)
Brisbane:	23 August, 2pm-5pm (RSVP by 16 August)
Darwin:	24 August, 10am-1pm (RSVP by 17 August)
Perth:	2 September, 9am-12pm (RSVP by 26 August)
Melbourne:	3 September, 1-4pm (RSVP by 27 August)
Hobart:	6 September, 10am-1pm (RSVP by 30 August)

We will provide more detailed information including details on venue and discussion agenda when people register an interest in attending. In each city we will aim to ensure consultations are held in a centrally located, accessible venue.

How to register your interest:

To register your interest for any of the sessions, or if you have any queries, please send an email to Laura Backhouse at Laura.Backhouse@pmc.gov.au. Please mention your name and contact details and which session you wish to attend. **PLACES ARE LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.**

More information:

For a brief introduction to this research, see:

<http://www.socialinclusion.gov.au/Partnerships/Board/Pages/BreakCycleReqSubs.aspx> . For more general information on the Board, see:

<http://www.socialinclusion.gov.au/Partnerships/Board/Pages/default.aspx>