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Elected Body

Communiqué (Community Forum 22 November 2013)

[Message from Mr Rod Little, Chair of ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body](#)

The purpose of the Elected Body communiqué is to let the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples know what we are doing on their behalf. We aim to release a communiqué after each Elected Body Community Forum or as required where there are important message of value to the Community.

On Friday 22 November a community forum was held at the West Belconnen Child and Family Centre, Holt to discuss the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Out of Home Care Strategy 2015-2020. Approximately 15 people attended the two sessions, which included local community members and workers. Participants raised some very interesting and important issues around eligibility, sharing personal circumstances and highlighting a continuing need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation or input into these types of programs and strategies. For further information on ATSIEB Community Forums please contact atsieb@act.gov.au or phone (02) 62052251 or alternatively go onto the website at www.atsieb.com.au.

[National Disability Insurance Scheme](#)

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) means that if you live in the ACT, are between 0-64 years old, and have a disability you may be eligible. The NDIS can assist you to make decisions and have control over how you can manage your NDIS funds. For further information visit www.act.gov.au/NDIS or email NDIS@act.gov.au.

[Out of Home Care Strategy 2015-2020, Children and young people in care growing up strong, safe and connected.](#)

The Community Services Directorate is currently developing a five year Out of Home Care Strategy to guide the delivery of out of home care services from July 2015 – June 2020. The main aim of the Strategy is to ensure the supply and quality of out of home care placements for children and young people in care. The Discussion paper has been released as one of a suite of consultation activities designed to support the development of the Strategy. A copy of the Discussion Paper can be found on the ATSIEB website, www.atsieb@act.gov.au, submissions can be lodged electronically, by post or in person to OCYFSOoHCServices@act.gov.au, Out of Home Care Strategy, Care and Protection Services, Community Services Directorate GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601 or in person at 11 Moore Street, Canberra City. If you have any questions in respect to the Discussion paper please phone (02) 6207 4544. Submissions must be provided by Tuesday 10 December 2013.

Rod Little Chairperson