New Era of Cooperation on Disability Services

Minister for Family and Community Services Marion Scrymgour will be in Melbourne Friday, for a special disability services meeting of State, Territory and Commonwealth Ministers.

Ms Scrymgour said she was looking forward to cooperating with the new Rudd Government in providing resources and support for people with disabilities.

“We have an historic opportunity to work together to better meet the needs of people with disabilities in the Territory and across Australia,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“I also look forward to further discussions about Federal Labor’s national disability strategies which will support people with disabilities, their carers and families.”

Ms Scrymgour said the Northern Territory Government recognised there were particular challenges in the Territory.

“These include the remoteness of our towns and communities and higher rates of disability in Indigenous communities,” she said.

“We look forward to better support from Canberra in meeting these challenges following the election of the Rudd Government.”

The Disability Ministers’ Meeting will be chaired by Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, supported by Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities, Bill Shorten.

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