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## **RASAIID MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Ryde Families Finally Win Funding For Their Sons and Daughters**

RASAIID (Ryde Area Supported Accommodation for Intellectually Disabled) families have received the final piece in the funding puzzle in their 7 ½ year long quest to build suitable supported accommodation in the Ryde area for their sons and daughters who have a range of intellectual and physical disabilities.

RASAIID parents want to thank Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and the federal government for the funding made possible through the Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund. This funding, when added to the grant from the state's Disability Minister, Andrew Constance, will mean the realization of a long-held dream to build a residential cluster in the Ryde area for the sons and daughters of the RASAIID families. It will mean that this pilot project may proceed and that governments' objectives of individual choice, person-centredness and a wider range of accommodation models will be implemented.

"Through our proposed cluster development, we will show how pooled funding may be used for enhanced outcomes and how family governance can work at a grass roots level," says Jenny Rollo, RASAIID's president. "We support the philosophy that people with a disability have the right to maintain family and community ties, including those ties with other people with a similar disability", she says. RASAIID believes it will become a beacon of hope for thousands of families across Australia who wish for a supported accommodation model that is local, appropriate and responsive to need.

As the recipient of both Federal and State funding, RASAIID may now claim to have bi-partisan support. This augurs well for the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme, in which both jurisdictions must work together to achieve the desired outcome: entitlement-based support for every Australian who lives with disability.

For interview and more information: Jenny Rollo, President, RASAIID 0407 030 269. You can also visit our website at [www.rasaid.org.au](http://www.rasaid.org.au) to find out more about the issue and sign a petition of support.

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