

Australian Social Inclusion Board - Information for Applicants

Function of the Board

The Government is committed to assisting all members of the community to play a full role in Australian life.

The Board will be a key source of advice to the Government's on Social Inclusion, reporting to the Deputy Prime Minister and Prime Minister.

In Australia today there are communities that must overcome entrenched disadvantage and growth areas that need community building. It is the intention of the Australian Government to take a whole of government approach to the social inclusion of the individuals in these communities, and others who are excluded, by maximising their experience of and contribution to economic and social life.

Criteria for appointment

The Government is seeking outstanding people with a broad range of skills and experience as members of its Australian Social Inclusion Board.

Board members will be energetic leaders with a record of achievement in the private, public and not for profit sectors who will champion social inclusion and work with Government to pursue specific social inclusion goals.

Terms of Reference

The Australian Social Inclusion Board will:

1. Provide advice and information to the Minister for Social Inclusion on how to improve social inclusion across the country.
2. Consult widely and provide views and input on various aspects of social inclusion including how to measure disadvantage and social exclusion, how to increase economic and social participation, and how communities can be engaged with social inclusion matters.
3. Report annually on progress on social inclusion to the Minister for Social Inclusion.
4. Provide advice on specific matters referred to it by the Minister for Social Inclusion.

Appointments

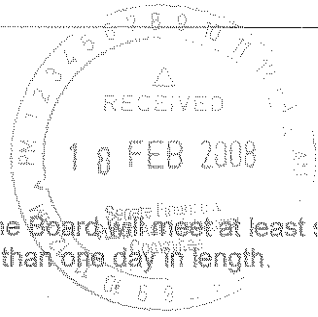
The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister will determine Board appointments and these will be publicly announced in due course. The government also reserves the right to invite individuals to join the Board.

It is anticipated that the Board will be appointed before March 2008.

Term of Appointment

The Board will consist of a chair and nine members.

Board members will be appointed for a period of up to three years (2008-2010) and will be eligible for reappointment.



Meetings

The Board will meet in various locations around Australia. It is anticipated the Board will meet at least six times during the first twelve months. Meetings are not expected to be more than one day in length.

Additional meetings may be held via teleconference.

Sub Committees may be formed to progress work.

Secretariat support for the Board will be provided by the Social Inclusion Unit, located in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Remuneration and Expenses

Daily (part-time) sitting fees will be paid to members of the Board at a rate to be determined by the Remuneration Tribunal and which is commensurate with Government Boards.

Private Interests & Confidentiality Declaration

Members of the Board will be required to complete the Private Interest Declaration which is included in this package. This Private Interest Declaration and a Deed of Confidentiality (to be provided) will need to be signed upon appointment.

Submitting an Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest and a completed Private Interests Declaration can be submitted via email to (socialinclusionunit@pmc.gov.au) or to the fax address provided below.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by
5.00pm Friday 8 February 2008

Contacts

Any enquiries regarding the Social Inclusion Board should be directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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