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## New investment brings new hope

The State Manager for National Disability Services, Valmae Rose, has congratulated the Bligh Government for their \$1 million additional investment in inclusive community living.

The Community Living Program (announced today) will enable up to 50 Queenslanders to access funding for support to live in their own communities.

"This is a very exciting program and National Disability Services commends the direction that the government has taken with this investment," she said.

The Community Living Program is a way for people to enter the disability system based on a positive plan for their future, rather than waiting for a crisis.

"We are hopeful that this announcement signals a new direction for future investment," Mrs Rose said.

"We would like to see more investment to support community inclusion."

"Ideally, wherever a person with a disability lives and whatever their choice of lifestyle, their experience should be one of rich inclusion and a sense of belonging."

The Minister for Disability Services, the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, will speak to the new investment during an event in Brisbane this morning.

**When:** 9:30am to 11:00am this morning

**Where:** [Royal on the Park](#), Corner of Alice and Albert Streets, Brisbane

This event is one of 50 Blue Skies Conversations taking place around Queensland today (International Day of Persons with Disabilities).

More than 70 people are expected to participate in this conversation about inclusive communities (for more information, visit: [www.blue-skies.info/action/december3.htm](http://www.blue-skies.info/action/december3.htm)).

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