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State Government Delivers on Respite Care Commitment

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said the State Government was delivering on its \$12million election commitment to provide five respite care homes in WA by calling on local people with disabilities, their families and carers to have their say on the location of a new respite centre in Perth's south-west corridor.

"During the last election the Barnett Government made the promise to build an additional five out-of-home respite facilities across Western Australia," Dr Nahan said.

"I am pleased to be a part of the team that is now delivering one of these facilities for Perth's south-west corridor."

"Families have told me that they need flexible respite options beyond their own homes. The State Government has responded with a significant funding commitment to do just that."

"As well as giving families a break from their caring roles, these facilities offer much-needed services to people with disabilities and provide them with care and support in a safe and welcoming environment."

Dr Nahan said that it is crucial that the State Government provide facilities that meet local needs.

"Community feedback will be an essential component for setting the future direction for respite needs, service models and the development of the new centres. I encourage anyone with an interest to take part in these very important community consultation sessions," said Dr Nahan.

The forums will be held at:

- 7.00 – 8.30pm, Warnbro Community and Family Centre, Cnr Morton Crescent and Bristol Street, Warnbro, Tuesday 8 September 2009
- 9.30 – 11.00am, Secret Harbour Community Centre, Oasis Drive Secret Harbour, Friday 18 September 2009

"If people are unable to attend the forums, they can still provide feedback by calling 1800 996 214 between 14-18 September or by emailing respiteconsultations@dsc.wa.gov.au.

For more information about the consultations, please contact Teresa Andrews at the Disability Services Commission on 9426 9623.

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