



# Community Development Program Forum 2024 Questions and Answers

## **Q: Why is Broome in the Disability Employment Service program and not in the Community Development Program?**

*Department of Employment and Workplace Relations*

The boundaries are based on historic employment service boundaries. Experiences of people moving between in areas that have boundaries between employment services will be taken into consideration in the reform.

*Department of Social Services*

The New Specialist Disability Employment Program will have the same Employment Service Areas (ESA) as the current Disability Employment Services Program. In the new program we will be introducing a hub and spoke model for specialist services. This will allow services to have a hub in one ESA and have outreach sites in other ESAs, encouraging diversification and allowing smaller providers to enter the market.

## **Q: What do you do if you are a Community Development Provider with no access to Disability Employment Services and you do not feel qualified to service job seekers with disability?**

*Department of Social Services*

The Disability Employment Centre for Excellence will provide training and support for all employment service providers including Community Development Providers. Information and training will be available for all as well as an online learning hub.

A grant process is being undertaken for an organisation or consortia to establish the Centre of Excellence. The organisation's first job is to establish the Centre and have an online hub so that best practice information in all types of mediums are disseminated.