

## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

### Royal Rehab Group and Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) Enter Exclusive Negotiation Period

**23/07/2025** - Royal Rehab Group and Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) are pleased to confirm that they have entered into an exclusive negotiation period to explore the possibility of SCIA joining Royal Rehab Group as a merged subsidiary organisation. If successful, this would see SCIA become part of the Royal Rehab family. This step could significantly strengthen the support, advocacy and services available to people living with spinal cord injury, disability and neurological conditions across Australia.

Both Royal Rehab Group and SCIA have long histories of delivering impactful, person-centred services. In an increasingly complex operating environment marked by funding challenges, shifting policy settings and growing community need, both organisations are taking proactive steps to secure a more sustainable and impactful future. These discussions reflect a shared commitment to improving the lives of people with disability, spinal cord injury and neurological conditions. The goal is not just to maintain services but to expand what is possible through collaboration.

This exclusive negotiation period provides the opportunity to explore how the strengths of each organisation could be brought together to create something greater than the sum of its parts. SCIA's nationally recognised expertise in lived-experience-led advocacy, peer programs and community connection complements Royal Rehab's leadership in clinical innovation, rehabilitation, and disability support.

A successful partnership would enhance opportunities for innovation, improve service access, and elevate the voice of lived experience in the design and delivery of care.

It is important to note that no final decisions have been made. These are exploratory discussions and form part of a careful and considered process. Any potential integration would be grounded in shared values, strong governance, and a clear focus on clients, members and staff.

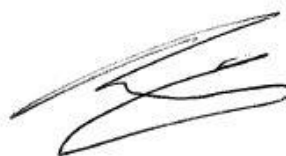
Both organisations are committed to open and transparent communication throughout this process. Staff, members, clients and stakeholders will be kept informed as discussions progress.

Together, Royal Rehab Group and SCIA are imagining a future where every person with a spinal cord injury, disability or neurological condition has access to world-class care, peer support and a strong voice in the systems that affect their lives.

This is the beginning of an exciting conversation, and we look forward to what the future may hold.



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