

Media release

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Minister for Disability Services to launch *Blue Skies Scenario*

Queensland's Minister for Disability Services, Annastacia Palaszczuk, will be joined tomorrow morning by a collection of special guests to officially launch the *Blue Skies Scenario*.

Spokesperson for the Blue Skies Group, Kevin Cocks says that the launch comes at an exciting time for Queensland.

"It has been over a year since Australia ratified the United Nations' *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, and we're beginning to see an important shift take place.

"Queenslanders are looking at disability issues with new vision and renewed hope for the future.

"People are gathering in public spaces to talk about things like universal entitlement; the nationalisation of funding initiatives; individualised service models; and communities where people with disability are welcomed as full participants.

"But it's not only Queensland that's showing promising signs of change — change has been occurring across the nation.

"There's an energetic campaign for a National Disability Insurance Scheme underway; the '*Shut Out*' report was recently making national headlines; and more and more people agree that community inclusion for people with disability is a question of civil rights — not a question of charity.

"Change is coming — as it must — we hope you can be there," Mr Cocks said.

When: 10:00am on Tuesday, 22 September 2009

Where: [City Gardens Café](#) Brisbane Botanic Gardens

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