

### **ParaQuad NSW & SCI Australia: “Joining Together”**

Recent discussions have been held between representatives of the Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of NSW (ParaQuad) and Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCI Australia) aimed at exploring how these two organisations could join forces and enhance service delivery to the spinal cord injured (SCI) community in NSW. A formal announcement is possible as early as November 2007 after consultation with members of both organisations.

By combining common interest and capabilities we can be in a better position to present a comprehensive package to the SCI community and offer programs which promote independence and research through the one organisation.

There is a strong incentive to combine our services as in the 20 or so functional areas we have reviewed so far, there is very little overlap. Hence, once combined, we expect there would be very little, if any, impact on staff numbers as both organisations have been operating very ‘lean’ in terms of staff resources.

The combined entity, for which a name has not yet been determined, will be better placed to represent the SCI community with government, donors and other key stakeholders and aims to provide a holistic approach to spinal cord injuries.

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Yours faithfully,



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