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VISION

That aids and equipment is readily and equitably available to all people who require it to enable full participation in society.

MISSION

To alleviate the barriers commonly faced by people accessing aids and equipment in order to promote the health, wellbeing and inclusion of all Victorians.

PRINCIPLES

In line with relevant Human Rights legislation any system involved in the provision and funding of aids and equipment should meet the following principles:

- **A fair balance of government and private expenditure:** Government investment in aids and equipment should be consistent with levels of need, and should be regularly adjusted to reflect demographic and technological changes.
- **Meets individual needs:** Access to government funding for aids and equipment should be responsive to individual need and recognising the needs of families and carers, allow for choice and the timely allocation of equipment that is appropriate to the individual
- **Government funding guaranteed against clear eligibility guidelines:** Any individual who needs aids and equipment should have security of entitlement if they are eligible, and eligibility criteria should be transparent.
- **Allows for life changes:** Provision of aids and equipment must be timely and responsive to changes in the life situations, needs and aspirations of individuals, families and carers and reflect improvements in technology.
- **Efficient systems:** Systems for the provision, maintenance and recycling of equipment should be designed to maximise the efficient use of government resources.

OBJECTIVES

1. To achieve increased investment in aids and equipment programs in Victoria.
2. To advocate for greater choice in the provision of aids and equipment, targeted to suit individuals.
3. To gather evidence in relation to the provision and use of aids and equipment.
4. To increase public awareness of issues relating to the availability and provision of aids and equipment.

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

These key strategic areas were ratified by the AEAA members at the Strategic Planning Day in January 2011.

1. POLICY AND ADVOCACY

To be recognised as a lead voice and influence within Victoria on issues relating to Aids and Equipment, and achieve adoption and implementation of the AEAA Policy Platform 2011-2012

2. RESEARCH

To build on the research work to date, and look for further opportunities to support research into areas associated with Aids and Equipment within Australia

3. SUSTAINABILITY

To provide a strong governance to ensure the sustainability and viability of the AEAA and resource the AEAA to allow it to progress its Key Strategies

4. BUILDING AND ENGAGING MEMBERS

To maximise membership of organisations and individuals; and increase member contributions and satisfaction

1. POLICY AND ADVOCACY

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KPIs:

To be successful in 2 applications for funding of strategic priorities that demonstrate need for change at a government funding level

Key Actions:

	Date	Priority
Policy		
Policy Development sub-committee established to develop the policies and protocols required by the AEAA for its operations.	ongoing	
Project priority : A Safety net for those using VAEP		
1. Develop a plan for project suggested by members at AEAA Strategic Planning Day January 2011: "A Feasibility and Design study for a Safety Net model"	Aug 11	1
2. Present Feasibility study project plan to the Reichstein Foundation Donor Briefing Forum	Sept 29 2011	1
Project Priority: Updating the VAEP list of available equipment		
1. Develop a plan for project suggested by members at AEAA Strategic Planning Day January 2011: "Model to assess and measure eligibility of new equipment to be added to VAEP list"	April 11	1
2. Approach Department of Human Services, Disability Division, regarding project support	April 11	1
Project Development		
Develop member project ideas generated at 2011 Strategic Planning day into a 'wish list' of projects in readiness for funding and collaboration opportunities	March 11	1

Priority Key

Priority 1 = 2011-2012

Priority 2 = 2012-2013

Priority 3 = 2013-2014

2. RESEARCH

To build on the research work to date, and look for further opportunities to support research into areas associated with Aids and Equipment within Australia

KPIs:

To further disseminate findings from the Equipping Inclusion Studies

To initiate and collaborate in research activities (funded or unfunded) that further the evidence demonstrated in The Equipping Inclusion Studies

Key Actions:

	Date	Priority
1. Review the AEAA Research sub-committee aims and priorities for 2011; focussing on the findings and suggested actions from the Equipping Inclusion Studies	ongoing	1
2. Develop research questions and projects in collaboration with universities, AEAA members, and the AEAA Research sub-committee, using the findings of the Equipping Inclusion Studies.	ongoing	1

3. SUSTAINABILITY

To provide a strong governance to ensure the sustainability and viability of the AEAA and resource the AEAA to allow it to progress its Key Strategies

KPIs:

To be successful in seeking projects that include funding for project co-ordination and that support the continuation of the incorporated structure of the AEAA.

Key Actions:

	Date	Priority
1. Periodic (as needed) application to member organisations for financial contribution to the AEAA for the ongoing administration of the Alliance	As needed	
2. Continue to investigate opportunities to sustain the Project Coordination role of the AEAA	ongoing	1
3. Development of a Funding submission Sub-committee to review and implement opportunities for funding for the AEAA	ongoing	1

4. BUILDING AND ENGAGING MEMBERS

To maximise membership of organisations and individuals; and increase member contributions and satisfaction

KPIs:

To continue to grow the membership of the AEAA to individuals and organisations through the activities, relationships and formalised structure of the alliance

Key Actions:

	Date	Priority
1. Conduct annual Strategic Planning days where all members are invited to attend and contribute	Feb annually	1
2. AEAA Executive Committee to include members who are also consumers of Aids and Equipment services (currently 50%)	ongoing	
3. Provide ongoing opportunities for members to participate in AEAA sub-committees	ongoing	
4. Provide ongoing opportunities for members to participate in specific events eg. Launch of Equipping Inclusion Studies; opportunity to contribute to the Vision and Mission Statements of the Strategic plan	Ongoing	
5. Provide General Member meetings each year and invite members to suggest agenda items and feedback topics of interest	ongoing	
6. Review of the membership application process for ease of access	April 11	
7. Ongoing review and updating of information on AEAA Website for members – particularly those who are unable to attend General Member meetings due to geographic distance or physical restriction	ongoing	