



## **JOINT STATEMENT**

adopted on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Deaf Australia (formerly known as the Australian Association of the Deaf) and the Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association (ASLIA National) are pleased to issue the following statement to support their agreement to work in close partnership for the future benefit of Deaf people who use sign language and the signed language interpreting profession. This coincides with the agreement set forward by World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI):

- We will strive to increase learning opportunities to increase the number of professional sign language interpreters who are competent and appropriately qualified to national standards.
- We affirm the importance of collaboration, close liaison and transparent communication between the Deaf community and sign language interpreters at a local, regional and national level in Australia.
- We will pay particular attention to the development of national links in order to build capacity, provide a forum for discussion and share resources among Deaf people and sign language interpreters.
- This agreement recognises the primacy of Deaf Australia to advance the political, cultural, and educational rights of deaf people in Australia. It also recognises the primacy of ASLIA National to advance the profession and rights of sign language interpreters.

Signed:

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15<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
Kyle Miers  
DA PRESIDENT

15<sup>th</sup> February 2008:  
Jemina Napier  
ASLIA NATIONAL PRESIDENT