



## PERSON SPECIFICATION

<b>Position Title:</b>	<b>Board Director</b>
<b>Remuneration:</b>	<b>\$25,000 per annum</b>

### About Cara

Cara was established in 1995 as a separately incorporated Association, however its history of service and support to people with severe and multiple disabilities, and their carers, began in 1950 with the formation of the Spastic Centres of South Australia.

Today, Cara is one of the largest disability service providers in South Australia, covering metropolitan and regional South Australia. With more than 1,100 staff, Cara work alongside people with disabilities, and their families, to provide support to empower people for greater independence through the provision of accommodation, respite and lifestyle support.

### Rationale

Board and management have developed a new and ambitious 3-year strategy, and it's an opportune time to come on board to further enhance the Board's skills composition.

Applications are encouraged from appropriately qualified professionals, with a **genuine interest in people with disabilities and their families**. To be successful you will have had demonstrated Board experience, within large, complex and highly regulated organisations, particularly through periods of transformational change. Specifically, we are looking for an experienced Director with:

- **clinical background in the health, aged care or disability sectors; or alternatively**
- **expertise in ICT & smart technologies**

### About the Board

Board of Directors undertake all governance responsibilities as stated in the Cara (Community Accommodation and Respite Agency Incorporated) Constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 as amended.

Under this Constitution, the Cara Board may have between 8-10 members including the President (Chair). Currently the Board meets on a monthly basis and there are two committees of the Board: Finance & Audit, Governance & Risk and Directors are generally expected to each serve on a committee.

Details of the current board can be found on <https://cara.org.au/about-cara/our-people/our-board/>

For further information see <https://cara.org.au/about-cara/publications-annual-reports/>

## **Role of a Board Director**

### **Skills and experience**

#### Essential

- Previous board experience
- High integrity and ethics
- Collaborative and courageous with willingness to have robust and respectful conversations
- High degree of commercial judgement and instinct
- Advanced emotional intelligence and self-awareness
- Meaningful engagement - as an active contributor to the Board
- A genuine interest in people with disabilities and their families
- Strategic expertise and ability to respectfully challenge assumptions
- A strong affiliation with a not-for-profit culture and a values-led organisation
- Appropriate tertiary education and qualifications

#### Desirable

- Formal governance training (AICD qualifications preferred)
- CEO/Executive experience
- Understanding of social services sector e.g., aged care, health, disability sector
- Experience in sectors undergoing transformation and regulatory reform

#### Specific Skills

- Clinical Governance
- ICT

#### Mandatory

- NDIS screening clearance