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Logan locals have their say on new Government program

Community organisations from Logan recently met to kick-start the Government's *Better Futures, Local Solutions* measures.

"This Community Consultation is an important first step in opening up discussion with community leaders and stakeholders and to talk through the broad range of Gillard Government initiatives rolling out in the community, and what's needed to make them a success." said Tanya Plibersek, Minister for Human Services and Social Inclusion.

The Community Consultation meeting was arranged by Logan's Government Action Leader Ellen Ferris.

"This first community consultation is an opportunity for Ellen to meet people, and hear their ideas and concerns about what lies ahead for Logan. It's great to have people involved in what's happening in their community and contributing to the process. It's this input that will help the government achieve the best outcomes for the community," said Mr Emerson.

"Ellen's job is central to delivering the Government's *Better Futures, Local Solutions* measures, which will involve Logan's community leaders and not-for-profit groups helping develop local projects to build life and job skills for locals," said Ms Plibersek.

Ellen Ferris said was about building important relationships.

"There has been a fantastic representation from across the community. Attendees included Mission Australia, Access Incorporated, Boystown, Career Keys, Canefields Clubhouse, Grow Support and many others who gave input into the direction of the program," said Ms Ferris.

Better Futures, Local Solutions is a program focused on communities and government working together to address disadvantage and increase workforce participation in ten selected locations around Australia.

The program is part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce package announced in the 2011-12 Commonwealth Budget.