

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

15/09/11

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: ADASE Application for Grants Funding**

I write in support of ADASE's application for funding.

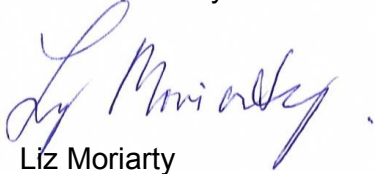
We (Liz Moriarty and Associates Pty Ltd) are a small full time private counselling practice based in Mt Gambier and provide services in the Limestone Coast region. The business has been operating for 17 years and receives self- referrals, referrals from GP's and other allied health professionals, as well as referrals from education and welfare professionals. The business also provides services for local businesses and industry offering Employee Assistance Program counselling. There are three staff members, two of these staff members are accredited mental health social workers and all liaise and refer regularly to ADASE.

Our practice has been utilising ADASE services since its inception in 1995 and has been making continuing referrals since this time. We have witnessed this organisation grow and provide significant support to members of this community, many of our clients working co-jointly by seeking individual counselling within our practice while participating in the highly regarded group program 'A Great Step Forward' Basic Program. This program offers an intense step by step program for our clients to learn appropriate skills in handling their anxiety and depression re-enforcing the knowledge and cognitive behavioural changes introduced within the counselling process. The ADASE group process focus allows for a constant re-enforcement of new cognitive learning within a forum of people with similar styles of thinking where learning is supportive, comforting and both informative and powerful. Many of our clients report marked improvement in their mental health following participation in ADASE'S programs.

I have also been aware that ADASE operates largely unfunded and that the organisation relies on various donations and sponsorship from the local community. This is an untenable long term situation for any service provider.

Our business wishes ADASE well in all of their endeavours to obtain funding.

Yours sincerely



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*Manager*

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