## Immigration Health Review of cost of People with Disability

The Royal Society for the Blind of SA (RSB) is the primary provider of services to people who are blind or vision impaired in South Australia serving over 11,000 clients. The RSB provides a full range of rehabilitation services to enable people to independently participate in all aspects of life.

Our current client base has a large number of people who have immigrated to Australia. The RSB's belief is that blindness or vision impairment should not act as a barrier to a person's full participation in all aspects of life. Thus we believe that blindness or vision impairment should not be a barrier for a person or their spouse or dependents wishing to immigrate to Australia.

People who are blind or vision impaired successfully contribute to the community through employment and community participation.

On the issue of medical grounds and potential economy costs due to a person's disability, in the area of blindness and vision impairment the disease is usually stable and no further treatment is usually required.

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