

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

New South Wales

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Approved Project Title **Accommodating the Needs of People with Lifelong Intellectual Disability in Residential Aged Care**

2007 : \$ 31,000

2008 : \$ 31,000

2009 : \$ 31,000

Primary RFCD 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Valesell Pty Ltd as ATF trustee for Peter Gill Agency Trust

Administering Organisation Australian Catholic University

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Unique challenges face the residential aged care system because of the increased life expectancy of people with life-long intellectual disability and the likelihood of their premature ageing. Although this group is recognised by Federal and State governments as requiring specific and special service arrangements, little is known about adapting disability and aged care services to their needs, thus program development is in its early stages. This research will inform the development of policy and programs in the Aged Care, Disability and Health sectors with the aim of improving the quality of life for people with intellectual disability as they age.