



# Media Release

## The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Federal Member for Flinders  
Minister for the Environment

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### **Please help Abacus find a new home**

Federal Member for Flinders Greg Hunt is joining the cause to help Abacus find a new home.

In July this year, Mr Hunt will embark on a 500km walk across his electorate to increase awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and to raise a minimum of \$25,000 to kick-start Abacus Learning Centre's new building fund.

All funds will be paid directly to Abacus Learning Centre to help them continue their good work.

Abacus Learning Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that works with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The therapy provided by Abacus is held in such high esteem that families travel from as far away as Torquay, and relocate from interstate, to access the service.

The lease on their current building, in Hastings, is soon to be up so they need to find new premises to continue to help children across the Mornington Peninsula.

The organisation is looking for a building they can occupy somewhere in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, preferably on the Mornington Peninsula where they already have a strong client base.

Federal Member for Flinders Greg Hunt said he hoped local businesses or organisations could provide financial or in-kind support to help Abacus obtain new premises.

"I have seen firsthand the difference Abacus can make in a child's life and know how valuable this therapy is in giving children with Autism the best start in life," Mr Hunt said.

"Any assistance residents or businesses can provide will make a real difference to the lives of many children and their families."

Abacus executive director Lauren Moore said they were looking at options for a new site somewhere on the Mornington Peninsula.

"At Abacus, we nurture and support children so they are able to reach their full potential," Ms Moore said.

If you are able to offer any suggestions or assistance to help Abacus find new premises, please contact my office or get in touch with Abacus directly on 5979 8891.

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