



Queensland Advocacy Incorporated

Our mission is to promote, protect and defend, through advocacy, the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland.

Systems and Legal Advocacy for vulnerable people with Disability

Are you interested in Human Rights and Disability issues? Then a membership with Queensland Advocacy Incorporated (QAI) could be for you.

A membership would broaden your knowledge around these issues and provide an opportunity to become involved with the advocacy endeavours of this organisation.

QAI's advocacy efforts, whether individual or systems, seeks to and achieves great improvement in the lives of vulnerable people with disability through promoting, protecting and defending their fundamental needs rights.

Our members have helped us achieve a lot in the past as these highlights below show!

Our long-term diligent and persistent advocacy for -

- Successful Campaign for a Human Rights Act for Queensland
- Successful advocacy for a Disability Royal Commission

This year alone we have: -

- Submitted to the Productivity Commission regarding the benefits of improving Mental Health
- Submitted to the Disability Royal Commission on Education, Group Homes, and Emergency Planning and Response
- Submitted to the Senate Select Committee on COVID19
- Offered feedback to Qld NDIS Engagement Team
- Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on NDIS Workforce
- Submitted to Department of Social Services survey on Advocacy Demand
- Submitted to Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violent Prevention Committee on Worker Screening
- Representation before the Mental Health Review Tribunal the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Supported numerous Participants through the NDIS Appeals processes including through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Provided Decision Support to individuals to apply, access and activate their Plans with the NDIS
- Supported individuals to engage with the Disability Royal Commission
- Supported students with disability and their families/carers with complaints and negotiations with the Department of Education and their schools.
- Supported individuals who are engaged with the criminal justice system
- Our individual advocacy engages with issues of guardianship, involuntary treatment and detention, access to justice, discrimination and human rights breaches

We are proud of what we have been able to do and we could not have done it without the support of our members!

2020 has been a very trying year to all of us but 2021 is gearing up to be full of exciting work!

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QAI endorses the objectives, and promotes the principles, of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Patron: His Excellency The Honorable Paul de Jersey AC

As a member of QAI, you will receive a quarterly newsletter, notifications about current work, media releases and invitations to upcoming events. Our systems advocacy team regularly write submissions on various topics and these are uploaded to our website as well as through our social media on Twitter (@QldAdvocacy) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/queenslandadvocacy).

As a member of QAI you will be invited to participate in discussing the priority systemic issues that are identified in our Strategic Plan. Members are also invited to express their interest in joining the Management Committee
Join NOW and receive invitation to our AGM later this year.

If you would like to become a member, please fill out the attached membership form and return it to qai@qai.org.au . Membership is still only \$30 for paid members and free for people with disability who are not in paid work.

Thank you for your support,

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