



# 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 Individual Advocacy for vulnerable people with Disability*

## 2020/2021 QAI Membership Application/Renewal

**New Application**

**Renewal**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

If you would like to receive our newsletter, please indicate how you would like to receive it:

Email

Post

I would not like to receive the newsletter

*\*Please note: to reduce paper usage and costs, QAI prefer to email newsletters. However, we understand some people may not have internet access, so if you still require the newsletter to be posted please indicate this by ticking the box above.*

### Disability (for statistical purposes)

I am a person with a disability

I am a family member of a person with a disability

I am a student or employee in a disability related area

Other:

### Payment Details (please indicate which payment details apply to you)

Nil or Donation  
(for people not in the workforce)

\$30  
(for organisations and people in paid employment)

### Method of Payment (please tick your selected payment method)

Direct Debit  
Queensland Advocacy Inc.  
Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000  
Account No: 122598857  
Reference: First Initial and Last Name

Donation  
Queensland Advocacy Inc.  
Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000  
Account No: 124637059

Cheque  
Queensland Advocacy Inc.  
ABN: 97 527 905 201

Cash  
\$

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Approved:

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Date Paid:

Invoice #:

**I agree with the QAI Mission Statement and the objects of the Association as notes on the reverse side of this application form.**

Signed:

Dated:

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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**

## QAI MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, protect and defend, through systems advocacy, the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland

## EXTRACT FROM THE QAI CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE #3 OBJECTS

The objects for which the Association is established are -

- (a) To affirm and put first people with disability in Queensland
- (b) To do systems advocacy that strives to promote, protect and defend the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland
- (c) To do legal advocacy that strives to promote, protect and defend the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland
- (d) To take an active leadership role in advocating for the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland
- (e) To support, promote and protect the development of advocacy initiatives for the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland
- (f) To be accountable to the most vulnerable people with disability in Queensland
- (g) To conduct an efficient and accountable organisation
- (h) To adhere to and constantly reaffirm the following beliefs and principles-
  - All human life has intrinsic dignity and worth
  - People with disability must positively and actively be accorded worth, dignity, meaning and purpose through being included in and with their community
  - Social Advocacy is functioning (speaking, acting, writing) with minimum conflict of interest on behalf of the sincerely perceived interests of a person or group, in order to promote, protect and defend the welfare of, and justice for, either individuals or groups, in a fashion which strives to be emphatic and vigorous, and/or which is actually, or very likely to be, “costly” to the actor, egg in terms of-
    - time or other resources
    - emotional stress
    - bodily demands
    - social opprobrium, rejection, ridicule
    - self-esteem, self-certainty
    - socio-economic security, livelihood
    - physical safety, life
  - and the essential elements of Social Advocacy are
    - strict impartiality
    - minimal conflict of interest
    - emphasis on fundamental needs and issues
    - vigorous action
    - cost to the advocate
    - fidelity
    - being mindful of the most vulnerable person
  - Systems advocacy is a particular advocacy form that focuses on influencing and changing ‘the system’ (as in the whole of society and the various systems operating within) in ways that will benefit people with disability as a group within society. Systems advocacy includes, but is not limited to, policy and law reform activities.