**National Disability Forum 2014: Agenda**

Australian Human Rights Commission

Public Hearing Rooms 1 & 2, Level 3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney NSW

1. **Opening session**

10:00 – 10:05 **Welcome**

*Professor Gillian Triggs*

*President*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

10:05 – 10:10 **Welcome to Country**

*Aunty Norma Ingram*

*Gadigal Elder*

10:10 – 10:25 **Opening**

*Senator Zed Seselja*

*Chair of the Senate Community Affairs Committee and*

*Member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme*

*representing*

*Attorney-General Senator the Hon George Brandis QC*

10:25 – 10:40 **Setting the Scene: National Disability Forum 2014**

*The Hon Susan Ryan AO*

*Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner &*

*Age Discrimination Commissioner*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

10:40 – 11:00 **Panel and Discussion: Role of the Commission**

*Chair: Mick Gooda*

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

*Panel Members:*

*Professor Gillian Triggs – President*

*Elizabeth Broderick – Sex Discrimination Commissioner*

*Megan Mitchell – National Children’s Commissioner*

*The Hon Susan Ryan AO– Age Discrimination Commissioner and Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner*

*Tim Soutphommasane – Race Discrimination Commissioner*

*Tim Wilson – Human Rights Commissioner*

11:00 – 11:30 **Morning Tea**

1. **Session 1: Issues affecting the Rights of People with Disabilities**

11:30 – 11:45 **Summary of Survey Results**

*The Hon Susan Ryan AO*

11:45 – 12:30 **Panel and Discussion: Survey Results and Other Issues affecting the Rights of People with Disabilities**

*Chair: The Hon Susan Ryan AO*

*Panel Members:*

*Frank Quinlan*

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Mental Health Australia*

*Damian Griffis*

*Executive Director*

*First People’s Disability Network Australia (FPDN)*

*Al McEwin*

*President*

*Deaf Society NSW*

*Rosemary Kayess*

*Research Fellow*

*University of New South Wales*

*Darren Fittler*

*Lawyer*

*Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers*

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1. **Session 2: Employment and People with Disabilities**

1:30 – 1:40 **Introduction to Session**

*Elizabeth Broderick*

*Sex Discrimination Commissioner*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

1:40 – 2:20 **Panel and Discussion: Employer perspective**

*Chair: Elizabeth Broderick*

*Panel Members:*

*Steve Sedgwick*

*Australian Public Service Commissioner*

*Australian Public Service Commission*

*Suzanne Colbert*

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Australian Network on Disability*

*Jane Counsel*

*Head of Diversity & Flexibility*

*Westpac Banking Corporation*

*Mark Bagshaw*

*Managing Director*

*Innov8*

2:20 – 3:00 **Panel and Discussion: Employee and Peak Body perspective**

*Chair: Elizabeth Broderick*

*Panel Members:*

*Matthew Bowden*

*Co-Chief Executive*

*People with Disability Australia (PWDA)*

*Christina Ryan*

*Women with Disabilities Australia*

*Matthew Wright*

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Australian Federation of Disability Organisations*

*Ace Boncato*

*Systemic Advocate*

*Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW*

*Wayne Hawkins*

*Disability Policy Adviser*

*Australian Communications Consumer Action Network*

3:00 – 3:30 **Afternoon Tea**

1. **Closing and next steps**

3:30 – 3:55 **Next steps**

*Rapporteur for day: Summary of key issues*

*Darren Dick, Director- Policy*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

*Facilitated discussion, led by:*

*Padma Raman, Executive Director*

*Australian Human Rights Commission*

3:55 – 4:00 **Closing remarks and thanks**

*The Hon Susan Ryan AO*