# Submission on *Shaping our future: Discussions on disability rights*

The Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Alastair McEwin, is conducting a national consultation to help progress and guide development of his priorities and seek input from the disability community on how he can most effectively work to advance the rights of people with disability.

Community consultations will be held in each capital city and some regional centres between October 2016 and March 2017. In addition to these consultations, written submissions are also being sought on the three consultation questions in relation to the Commissioner’s five proposed priority areas:

* Employment
* Education
* Housing
* The criminal justice system
* Implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Any individual or organisation can make a submission.

Please send your completed submission form to:

Email: disability@humanrights.gov.au

Post: Disability Discrimination Commissioner

Australian Human Rights Commission

GPO Box 5218

Sydney NSW 2001

At this stage there is no definite closing date for submissions, however it is likely to be in March at the conclusion of the community consultations.

To make your submission in another way contact disability@humanrights.gov.au or call (02) 9284 9854

**How will my submission be used?**

Information collected through submissions will be used for the purposes of progressing and guiding development of the priorities of the Disability Discrimination Commissioner and may be drawn upon, quoted or referred to in report(s) prepared by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

We will ask for your name and email address in case we need to contact you about your submission. We will not publish this information or provide it to anyone.

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***Please note that all questions are optional***

**Part A – Demographic Information**

**Top of FormName of person making submission:**

**Submission made on behalf of (if relevant):**

**Organisation (if relevant):**

**Do you want your name to be kept confidential?** Yes / No

**Do you want your submission to be kept confidential?** Yes / No

**Email address: Phone:**

**Postal address:**

*Please provide us with at least one method of contacting you.*

**Please tell us who you are** (*select all that apply*)

[ ]  Australian with disability

[ ]  Carer/family member of Australian with disability
[ ]  Organisation

[ ]  Academic/social policy practitioner

[ ]  Other Please describe:

**Gender**

[ ]  Female

[ ]  Male

[ ]  X (Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified)

**Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?**

[ ]  Aboriginal

[ ]  Torres Strait Islander

[ ]  Both

[ ]  No

**Are you from a culturally and linguistically diverse background?**

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

**Part B – Consultation Questions**

With reference to the Commissioner’s five proposed priority areas:

* Employment
* Education
* Housing
* The criminal justice system
* Implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

**What do you think needs to change to see the rights of people with disability better protected in these proposed areas?**

**What do you think is already being done well in these areas that could be built upon to achieve greater systemic change?**

**What would you like to see the Disability Discrimination Commissioner do to most effectively advance the rights of people with disability?**