

# Other areas of work



## People with disability continue to face many barriers and challenges to their full and equal participation in society and enjoyment of human rights:

- Progress towards National Disability Strategy outcomes has been slow and inconsistent
- Discrimination and inequality in treatment by health care professionals
- Lack of opportunities for voice and representation
- Advocacy is not sufficiently funded, preventing better outcomes for people with disability from mainstream systems
- The exemption of the Migration Act from the Disability Discrimination Act prevents many people with disability and their families from migrating to Australia
- Parents with disability are more likely than parents without disability to have their children removed
- Communities are not accessible because of people's attitudes, the cost of accessing activities, physical and sensory barriers
- Lack of resources to build the capacity of people with disability to make decisions about all aspects of their life and eliminate the need for substitute decision making models
- People with disability in rural and remote areas face unique issues including lack of access to services and diversity of services



## Things that work

- ✓ Initiatives to increase diversity and inclusion in advertising and media
- ✓ Opportunities for voice and representation for people with disability
- ✓ Guaranteed adequate funding for advocacy
- ✓ Genuine commitment to include and listen to people with disability in all aspects of policy and service design



## We will know that the people with disability are full and equal participants in society and enjoy their human rights on an equal basis with others when:

- A person's disability does not define their opportunities for participation in all aspects of society, including education and employment
- The media supports positive representations of people with disability
- Mainstream systems and services, including health, recognise and have the capacity to respond to and equitably meet the unique needs of people with disability
- Society expects and anticipates people with disability to participate in schools, workplaces, sport, cultural activities, social and recreational activities and generally in the community in the same way that people without disability do

**People with disability can take risks and participate in all aspects of society just like anybody else.**

