

HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

DISABILITY

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability are valuable members of society and they are entitled to the same opportunities and access to services and programs as other Australians.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability have a right to self-determination.

Hear Our Voice, first and foremost, believes in the right of people with disabilities to live independently in the community, unless they are unable to, or choose not to.

Hear Our Voice is deeply concerned with the fact that 6500 young Australians with disabilities are currently housed in nursing homes against their wishes.

Hear Our Voice urges society to focus on people's abilities, not disability, and we believe in removing barriers that prevent people with disability from reaching their full potential.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability, their families and carers, should be able to participate in the development of policy and implementation of services that affect their lives.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability have a right to education, high quality health and medical care, access to appropriate accommodation, and employment opportunities, and we believe it is the responsibility of governments to ensure equality of opportunity.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability have a right to participate fully in all aspects of life, and we believe they should have access to support staff so they can undertake activities of their choice.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability deserve a decent income, either through employment or government assistance. We believe the Disability Support Pension should be increased to sufficiently cover medical, transport, equipment and accommodation costs.

Hear Our Voice supports appropriate funding of disability advocacy services, and we totally oppose the punitive assessments introduced in the Welfare to Work Act 2005.

Hear Our Voice supports programs and incentive systems that entice businesses to provide meaningful employment to people with disability.

Hear Our Voice believes that people with disability should have access to affordable aids, devices, special equipment and services that improve their lives.

Hear Our Voice believes that parents, partners, relatives and friends who act as carers are entitled to government funded respite services. These services should include in-home and emergency support as well as crisis accommodation.

Hear Our Voice supports high quality training of disability support workers and we support improved pay and conditions for people who work in the disability services sector.