Expression of Interest

**Disability Reform Implementation Stakeholder Committee**

Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) are seeking expressions of interest from interested people to join the Disability Reform Implementation Stakeholder Committee (DRISC). This is the first of many opportunities to be part of the Queensland Disability Stakeholder Engagement and Co-Design Strategy (Strategy) which is a priority of the Queensland Disability Reform Framework.

QDN was engaged to develop the strategy with extensive input from people with lived experience of disability, peak bodies and other sector and community representatives. The Strategy establishes structures to put people with disability and stakeholders at the heart of reform processes through co-design.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people with disability and their families to contribute their knowledge, expertise and lived experience to the process. This involvement is at a governance level.

Successful candidates will have lived experience of disability, an ability to meaningfully contribute to innovative reform discussions and ensure effective partnership with stakeholders.

The Committee will meet quarterly, with two meetings held online and two meetings in-person per year for the duration of the Strategy. In the early implementation phase of the Strategy there may be additional meetings to this schedule.

Remuneration for meeting preparation and attendance, out of session activities, travel and accommodation will be available to panel members.

For further information contact the QDN policy team at admin@qdn.org.au or phone 1300 363 783.

**Applications close on** **Friday 14th February 2025**.

This project is funded by the Queensland Government.

About the role

**Status:** Fixed Term appointment

**Type:** Non-Standard Hours

**Location:** Flexible, with some meetings taking place in-person and online

**Duration:** 12 months

**Contact Details:** QDN policy team phone 1300 363 783 or email admin@qdn.org.au

Key Selection Criteria

**Mandatory criteria**

* Lived experience of disability, including family and carers
* Demonstrated understanding of disability issues – local, state and commonwealth
* Commitment to inclusive practices and the principles of co-design and stakeholder engagement
* A commitment to cultural diversity and the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities
* Commitment to “Nothing about us, without us”

**NOTE:** Any Conflict of Interest is required to be disclosed upfront as part of the application process. All Conflict of Interest will be assessed by the Selection Panel accordingly.

**Highly desirable criteria**

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* Prior experience developing or contributing to stakeholder engagement, policy or program development and/or implementation.

Knowledge

* Knowledge of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and its local implementation
* Familiarity with relevant Queensland disability policies, such as the Queensland Disability Reform Framework (QDRF) and Queensland Government response to the Disability Royal Commission
* An understanding of cultural diversity and the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities
* An understanding of the needs of people with diverse types of disability, families/carer role, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women, children and young people, LGBTIQA+, people living in regional, rural and remote communities, and harder to reach cohorts.

Skills

* Capacity to work collaboratively in an environment with a range of diverse perspectives
* The group must collectively reflect a wide range of community perspectives, including rural, regional, and urban settings. Individual members should bring targeted insights from specific cohorts, ensuring a broad approach.

Key Responsibilities

* Actively participate as a Committee member
* Contribute ideas and feedback
* Provide insights based on personal experience, professional expertise, or community knowledge
* Commit to attending all meetings and responding to consultation documents in a timely manner

Timeline and Commitment

* Participation will require a commitment to regular meetings and other ad-hoc activities related to the work of the Committee
* Most meetings will be held virtually, with periodic meetings face to face
* Please refer to the summary of DRISC roles and responsibilities for more specific information.

Selection Process

* Participants will be selected based on the eligibility criteria provided above
* Potential participants will be shortlisted and contacted by mid-February 2025
* Final selection of participants will be made following an interview process by mid-March 2025.

Terms of Participation

Terms of involvement will be outlined in a letter of agreement signed on accepting a position on the Committee. This letter of agreement will include but not be limited to:

* Remuneration available to participants with lived experience for meeting preparation and attendance, out of session activities, travel, and accommodation as per QDN policy.
* A commitment to privacy, confidentiality, and conflict of interest management.

Application Process

* Complete the Expression of Interest application form attached
* Attach a resume or summary of relevant experience (optional)

Application Closing Date

* Applications close on by 14 February 2025

Further information

We are committed to building inclusive cultures that respect and promote human rights and diversity.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with disability are strongly encouraged to apply, including Elders, Young People, people from rural and remote areas including the Torres Strait.

How to apply

1. Read the information about the Disability Reform Implementation Stakeholder Committee here: <https://qdn.org.au/play-an-active-role/>
2. Have ready the contact details of at least one referee. This person could be a colleague, manager, or peer - someone who can speak to your expertise.
3. Complete your application here: <https://qdn.org.au/play-an-active-role/>

Key documents

Qld Disability Stakeholder Engagement Co-design Strategy

<https://qdn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/QLD-Disability-Stakeholder-Engagement-Co-design-Strategy-2024-v3.pdf>

Working Together - NDIS Review Final Report

<https://www.ndisreview.gov.au/sites/default/files/resource/download/working-together-ndis-review-final-report.pdf>

Qld Disability Reform Framework – The Next Chapter

<https://www.dcssds.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/14291/qdr-framework.pdf>