Queensland Disability Conference 2026

Toowoomba

Access All Areas: The Road Ahead

Agenda

Thursday 5 November 2026	
Time	**Activity**
9:30am	**Conference Welcome:** Marie Bledsoe and Karin Brady
9:35am	**Acknowledgement of Country**
9:40am	**Conference Opening Address**
9:50am	**Speaker: Access to Rights: The Road Ahead** Debbie Platz APM – Queensland Human Rights Commissioner
10:15am	**Panel 1: The Road Ahead: Rights, Safety and Systems Reforms** • Kate Connors – Victims' Commissioner for Queensland • Matilda Alexander – Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion • Samay Zhouand – Public Trustee of Queensland and Chief Executive Officer at the Queensland Public Trustee **Facilitator:** Nigel Webb – Board Director, QDN
11:00am	Morning tea
11:30am	**Panel 2: The Road Ahead: Disability Reforms** • Desmond Lee – State Manager, Queensland, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) • Dr Sharon Boyce – Co-Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council (QDAC) • Sharon White – Director, Strategic Policy (Disability), Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety. **Facilitator:** Michelle Moss – Chief Executive Officer, QDN

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12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	**Panel 3: Brisbane 2032 Games – Social and Economic Inclusion Legacy for Regional Queensland** • Mayor Geoff McDonald – Toowoomba Regional Council • Erin Hatton – Head of Impact for Brisbane Organising Committee, 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games • Katie Kelly OAM PLY – Accessibility and Inclusion Manager, Olympic and Paralympic Games Office, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games • Adam and Susy Wenitong – Adapt Mentor **Facilitator:** Dr Sharon Boyce – Co-Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council (QDAC)
2:30pm	**Panel 4: Accessible and Inclusive Transport** • Tom Jesshope – Senior Regional Manager, Black & White Cabs with Graeme Nystrom – Taxi Driver, Toowoomba • Daniel Quan – Associate Director, Transport Planning, Urbis • Nigel Webb – User Journey Consultant, Games Readiness Report **Facilitator:** Laura Scurr – Peer Leader
3:15pm	**Thanks and close:** Michelle Moss – CEO, QDN
3:30pm	**Networking event**
4:30pm	Finish

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