

Call for Submissions: People with Disability in Long-Stay Health Care Facilities

What is a submission?

Submissions are your own or an organisation's ideas or opinions about the issue under review. Submissions may be your own personal story that you tell someone or write down, or a written paper about the issue.

Terms of Reference

Your submission should relate to the current issues for people with intellectual disability or cognitive impairment who are residing in health facilities such as hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and rehabilitation services. In particular:

- Whether the support needs of individuals are being met;
- The immediate and future support needs of individuals;
- Whether the support needs of these individuals could be better met in community-based living and the factors that should be considered in making this determination; and
- The issues that should be taken into account to support successful transition from institutional to community-based living, where appropriate.

What will my submission be used for?

Your submission will assist the Office of the Public Advocate to understand the current issues for people with intellectual disability or cognitive impairment who are residing in health facilities such as hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and rehabilitation services. It may be used by the Public Advocate to inform a report on the issue that may be published.

Publication of submissions/confidentiality

The Public Advocate will not publish any of the submissions received, but may refer to the submissions and/or quote information from the submissions in public reports prepared about the issue. The Public Advocate will not publish any information that may personally identify a person with impaired decision-making capacity.

When you make your submission you should indicate whether you want the submission to be public or confidential. **Public submissions** may be referred to in a report published by the Public Advocate and the names of the submitter may be identified. Contact details and addresses will never be published. The issues discussed in **confidential submissions** may be referred to in reports published by the Public Advocate, but the name of the submitter will not be identified in relation to the issues, or listed in the report.

How to make a submission

Submissions can be made in writing or verbally. There is no particular format you need to follow, but you should address the terms of reference detailed above. Submissions can be made by:

- Email: public.advocate@justice.qld.gov.au
- Fax: 07 3224 7364
- Phone: Please contact us to make a telephone appointment time

The Public Advocate's *Position Statement*, *Project Factsheet*, updates about the project and related resources (as they become available) will be published on the Office of the Public Advocate website at: www.publicadvocate.qld.gov.au.

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