

## NSW DISABILITY NETWORK FORUM

This Update is designed to provide information on the activities of the NSW Disability Network Forum (DNF). Updates are produced regularly after scheduled DNF meetings.

Contact the DNF through the NCOSS secretariat at the contact details listed below.

### **Eliminating Discrimination and Embracing Diversity: Effective Disability Inclusion ACTION Planning in NSW**

This resource has been produced by the NSW Disability Network Forum to encourage better Disability Inclusion Action Plans that improve access and inclusion for people with disability:

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/DNF/forum/150128-NSWDNF-Disability-Inclusion-Action-Plan-Project.pdf>

Accessible version of this resource is available here: [www.ncoss.org.au/resources/DNF/forum/150128-NSWDNF-Disability-Inclusion-Action-Plan-Project.doc](http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/DNF/forum/150128-NSWDNF-Disability-Inclusion-Action-Plan-Project.doc)

### **NSW DNF delegation to DPC 14 January**

A delegation of DNF members met with representatives from the Department of Premier and Cabinet NSW in January. As a result of that meeting, the DNF has decided to develop a business case for continued funding of representation, independent advocacy and independent information services for people with disability in NSW.

### **NSW DNF Submission on the NSW Disability Inclusion Plan**

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/DNF/forum/141222-DNF-Submission-NSW-Disability-Inclusion-Plan.pdf>

### **DNF letter to Minister Piccoli Re: Smart and Skilled and inclusion**

A letter to Minister Piccoli regarding the role of the Department of Education and Communities in carrying out the National Disability Strategy and changes to support for students with disability in NSW TAFE was sent.

### **Guest Speaker: The Hon. Linda Burney, MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Ageing , Shadow Minister for Disability Services**

Members heard from the Shadow Minister on Disability, the Hon. Linda Burney about the development of Labor's disability policies.

### **DNF response to Social Housing Discussion Paper**

DNF members provided input into the Social Housing submission which was due on 20 February 2015—particularly in terms of how reforms may affect people with disability who live in, or are waiting for social housing.

<http://www.ncoss.org.au/resources/DNF/forum/150220-NSW-DNF-Submission-to-the-Social-Housing-Discussion-Paper.pdf>

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### **Senate Inquiry into adequacy of residential care available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities**

DNF members discussed this process and agreed to provide further input into this process out of session. The DNF received an extension for submission to this Inquiry until the end of February.

More information on the Inquiry is available at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Community\\_Affairs/Young\\_people\\_in\\_a  
ged\\_care](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/Young_people_in_aged_care)

### **About the NSW Disability Network Forum**

The NSW Disability Network Forum comprises non-government, non-provider peak representative, advocacy and information groups whose primary purpose is to promote the interests of people with disability. The aim of the DNF is to build capacity so that the interests of people with disability are advanced through policy and systemic advocacy.

### **NSW Disability Network Forum Member Organisations:**

Aboriginal Disability Network NSW	Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW
Association of Blind Citizens of NSW	NSW Consumer Advisory Group - Mental Health
Brain Injury Association NSW	NSW Council for Intellectual Disability
Deaf Australia NSW	NSW Disability Advocacy Network
Deaf Society of NSW	People with Disability Australia
DeafBlind Association NSW	Physical Disability Council of NSW
Deafness Council (NSW)	Positive Life NSW
Information on Disability and Education Awareness Services	Self Advocacy Sydney
Institute For Family Advocacy	Side By Side Advocacy Incorporated
Intellectual Disability Rights Service	Council of Social Service of NSW