

## What's Happening in the Disability Sector?

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- Federal
  
- State
  
- Local



## Projects/Activities

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- Disability Alliance
- National Disability Strategy
- National Disability Council
- "SHUT OUT" Report
- Blue Skies Group
- National Disability Services
- G8
- NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme
- DS Minister's 10 year vision



## Significant Milestones

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- ❑ Rudd Government commitment to a National Disability Strategy
- ❑ Jenny Macklin & Bill Shorten
- ❑ Sector groups emerge and unite
- ❑ Minister Palaszczuk



## National Scene

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- ❑ Federal Government
- ❑ National Disability Strategy
- ❑ National Disability Council
- ❑ "SHUT OUT" Report
- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme



## Federal Government

- ❑ Macklin – understanding of needs
- ❑ Shorten – listened, learned and acting
- ❑ Whole of government focus
- ❑ Disability Investment Group
- ❑ Social Inclusion Portfolio



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## National Disability Strategy

- ❑ Federal Government agenda
- ❑ Whole of Life and Whole of Government approach to disability
- ❑ How good will it be?
- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme

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## National Disability Council

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- ❑ Major role is to work on development of a National Disability Strategy
- ❑ Taken on leadership and lobbying role
- ❑ Association represented on Council



## “SHUT OUT” Report

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- ❑ Result of consultations across the sector into feedback on a National Disability Strategy
- ❑ Report recently released
- ❑ Acknowledges that there is a need for change



## NDIS

### (National Disability Insurance Scheme)

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- ❑ Strong push in the sector for a social insurance
- ❑ Desire is to have a comprehensive insurance (Medicare style)
- ❑ People can sign up to register their interest - [www.ndis.org.au](http://www.ndis.org.au)



## Statewide

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- ❑ DS Minister's 10 Year Vision
- ❑ Disability Alliance (State and Federal)
- ❑ Blue Skies Scenario
- ❑ G8
- ❑ 30 Mob



## DS Minister's 10 Year Vision

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- ❑ Minister Palaszczuk has announced her intention to develop a 10 year vision
- ❑ Person-centred approach
- ❑ First meeting held on 23 September
- ❑ Looking for change – acknowledgement that it can be better



## Disability Alliance

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*Campaign to influence government about the most critical needs of people with disabilities.*

- ❑ Entitlement to Personal Support
- ❑ Entitlement to Equipment and Aids
- ❑ Hospital and Community Health System that supports people's needs



## Blue Skies Group

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- ❑ Working at the state level with federal implications
- ❑ Developing a vision on what a disability system would look like if all people with a disability were able to have their needs addressed
- ❑ State Minister supportive
- ❑ Gathering momentum  
[www.blue-skies.info](http://www.blue-skies.info)



## The G8: eight of the largest service providers in QLD

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- ❑ Lobbying government for change
- ❑ DS \$1.2b budget – NGOs receive 34% of funding yet provide 81% of all services
- ❑ Nearly 50% of services are provided by the G8
- ❑ Using our weight to drive positive change for individuals



## Local

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- ❑ Inclusive Communities Accord and Access & Equity Plans
- ❑ Community engagement
- ❑ Communities of Practice



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## Inclusive Communities

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- ❑ Social inclusion focus gaining momentum
- ❑ Toowoomba, Burdekin and Rockhampton are engaging
- ❑ Mayors are engaged in the process
- ❑ Gold Coast Council – passed resolution on access & equity

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## Community Engagement

- ❑ Communities of Practice
- ❑ Chambers of Commerce
- ❑ Airports, architects and other business



## Opportunities For Involvement

- ❑ Disability Alliance  
[www.disabilityalliance.org.au](http://www.disabilityalliance.org.au)
- ❑ Blue Skies Scenario  
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[www.blue-skies.info/scenario](http://www.blue-skies.info/scenario)
- ❑ National Disability Insurance Scheme  
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## Summary

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- Optimism
- Alignment and common ground
  - Change is on the agenda
- It's time to get motivated and involved

