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Structure of presentation:

- Historical Context
- Looking Forward
- A Person Centered Approach
- Critical Issues under the National Disability Strategy
- Role of the Australian Human Rights Commission
- Forthcoming Issues



- Charity or Medical Model



- Block Funding



- Institutional Focus



- Low Expectations

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Royal Commission

- NDIS Inquiries/Reform

- National Disability Strategy

- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

- Market Development

- Changing Community Expectations

- Economics, Human Rights and Societal Values

LOOKING FORWARD

A PERSON CENTRED APPROACH

- Communicating with the Person
- Planning with the Person
- Focused on Strengths, Abilities and Skills
- Finding solutions that could work for anyone and anywhere
- Whether something works for that person matters
- Family and community are seen as partners



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)

- CRPD ratified on 17 July 2008
- Initial Report on 3 December 2008
- List of Issues (21 September 2017)
- Government Report on 7 September 2018
- Civil Society and NHRI Reports

Key Issues:

- Equal Recognition (Art 12)
- Liberty and Security of the Person (Art 14)
- Protecting the Integrity of the Person (Art 17)



NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY



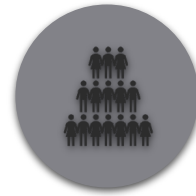
Personal and Community Support



Health and Wellbeing



Economic security



Inclusive and accessible communities



Learning and skills



Rights protection, justice and legislation

IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

- Applies to all disabilities
- Supported by State and Federal Government
- A critical piece of “infrastructure”

CRITICAL ISSUES UNDER THE NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

NDIS

Community
Attitudes

Housing

Interface

Employment

Education

Technology



ROLE OF THE AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (AHRC)

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1992 (CTH)

*AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
ACT 1986 (CTH)*

DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE
PUBLIC TRANSPORT 2002

DISABILITY (ACCESS TO PREMISES-
BUILDINGS) STANDARDS 2010

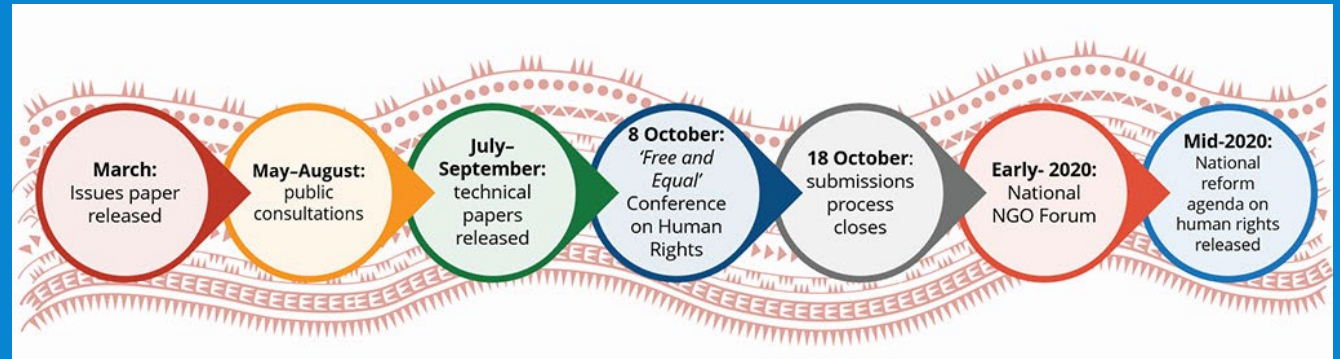
DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION 2005

FORTHCOMING ISSUES TO RESOLVE FOR THE AHRC

- Change Community Expectations
- NDIS Review
- Nature of Advocacy For At Risk Groups
- Intersectionality
- Contribution to Royal Commission
- Fit For Purpose Legislation/Policy
- Appropriate Employment

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Free and Equal: An
Australian conversation on
human rights



CONCLUSION

- Person centric policy is good disability policy
- Supported by Human Rights, Societal and Economic Reasons
- Creates a culture of “We” and not “Us” and “Them”.