



ChildProtectionPeak



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Queensland Community Service Peaks

Priority areas for joint action

Every Queenslander deserves a place to call home, to be able to put food on the table, access education and healthcare, and be afforded a level of wellbeing.

Current social and human services systems don't always provide those outcomes and changing the way we do things is essential to the wellbeing of every Queenslander.

We engage everyday with the Queensland Government on an ambitious reform agenda to improve outcomes for all Queensland and. However, there is more we can do!

The Queensland Community Services Peaks have been collaborating for change for decades, focused on some of the most vulnerable Queenslanders. Queensland's Community Service Peaks are well positioned to use this collaborative capacity to support ambitious systemic reform across government, community and the private sector. Collectively we are more and can deliver more than if we stand alone.

QCOSS, COTA, NDS, Volunteering Queensland, ECCQ, Community Legal Centres Queensland, QShelter, QDN, PeakCare, QATSICPP, CSIA, Health and Community Services Workforce Council, Queensland Alliance for Mental Health and Tenants Queensland commit to working together and with all stakeholders to implement successful reform in these four critical areas.

1. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

This is the largest social reform since Medicare and impacts hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders directly or indirectly. While being implemented by the Australian Government the Queensland Government has a duty of care to its citizens to ensure no one is worse off by this change. For community wellbeing this must be a priority for action.

2. Family Matters

Family Matters is a campaign that aims to eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care within a generation (2040). Fundamental to this is addressing the disproportionate experience of disadvantage across all social indicators. The wellbeing of all Queensland children is our shared commitment and responsibility.

3. A Human Rights Act for Queensland

It is important to have a strongly defined Human Rights Act that protects basic freedoms that all human beings are entitled to, no matter their race, gender, religion, political belief, sexuality and/or age. Queenslanders who experience disadvantage would benefit greatly from protection of a Human Rights Act.

4. Accessible and affordable housing

Housing is a core human right and is critical to the social and economic participation of all members of our community. Stable housing positively influences the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, including their health, education, employment, and their personal relationships and social participation. Every Queenslander, regardless of where they live across the state, should have access to stable, affordable and accessible housing.