



## **The Commitment**

**Disability Health Network**



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There are some hard words in this book.

The first time we write any hard words they are in **blue**.

We will write what hard words mean.



This book is about the

**Commitment to Inclusive Engagement.**

We will write the **Commitment** in this book.



Commitment means a promise to

- keep trying to do something
- **not** give up.



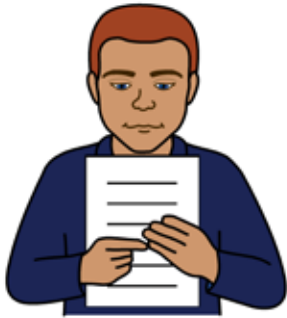
Inclusive Engagement means to get everyone involved together.



The **Disability Health Network** wrote  
the Commitment.

For Disability Health Network we will write  
the **Network**.

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The Network looked at information from  
different communities in Australia. We used  
this information to write the Commitment.

## Why do we need the Commitment?



There are lots of Australians with disability.

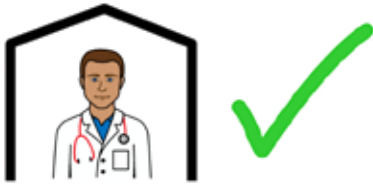
Some of these people



- have good health



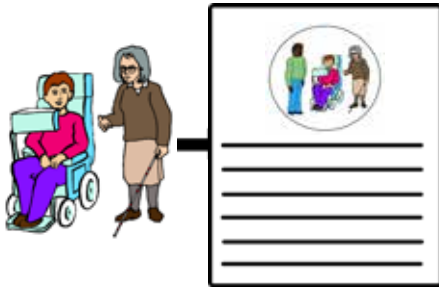
- do **not** have good health.



People with disability have the same right to good health care as all Australians.



The Network will make sure people with disability are included in new government policies.



## Why we wrote the Commitment

We wrote the Commitment to help people and groups



- make good decisions
- do the right thing.

It is important the Network does the best job it can. To do a good job we needed information about



- how to best help people with disability
- what helped people with disability in other places.

## What is the Commitment based on?



The Network believes that disability means the community should change, not the person.



It can be hard for a person with disability to use their community. For example

- to go to places
- talk to people
- understand people
- make choices like everyone else.





## Respect and Rights

The Network **respects**

- people with disability
- their families
- carers.



Respect means that we treat people in a way that shows we care what they think and feel.



Rights are the things that everyone should be able to

- get
- have
- do.





We will

- make sure people with disability, their families and carers can have a say
- work together with our **stakeholders**.

Stakeholders are people involved in the Network.



When people talk to us we will

- show respect
- listen
- understand everyone needs different amounts of help.



We will use the best tools we have to work with different groups.





## Inclusion

Inclusion means people are not

- ignored
- left out.



We want to know what different groups have to say. We will use **reference groups**.

Reference groups are small groups of people.  
We talk to the people about what people need.



When we work with groups we work to

- improve the health of people with disability



- make sure all people can talk to us
- find the best ways for all groups to be involved



- make sure everyone can understand the information we send



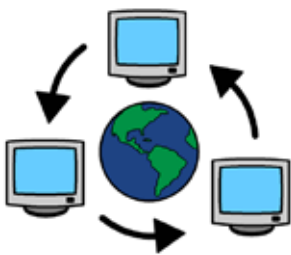
- use different tools like
  - messages on the internet for everyone
  - special emails for small groups.

### **We are open and honest**



We tell people

- what we have been doing
- how they can join in.



We also

- have a website anyone can visit for new information
- let anyone become a member of the Network



- send members emails about what we have been doing.



We want to learn from our work. We will ask people to tell us if we

- do a good job
- could do things better.



We may need to go to groups to talk to people we are missing.



We will show people how to use the information we give them.

## How we will check if the Commitment is working



We will check when we talk and work with people.

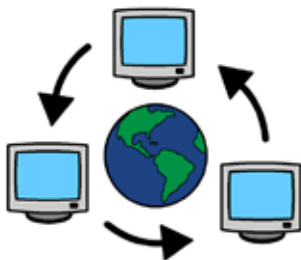


We will also use tools. For example, **quality standards**. Quality standards are how we can check we are doing a good job.



Each year the Network will check if the Commitment

- has made a difference
- has **not** made a difference.



This information will go on the Network's website.

## About the Network



The Network wants people with disability to have better health care.



Our stakeholders are people who

- have a disability



- make decisions that affect people with disability



- help people with disability.

For example, health workers like nurses and therapists.



We also work with

- the Australian government. For example, the Australian Government Department of Health.



- WA Health, including hospitals.



- Disability Services Commission



- disability groups. For example, National Disability Services.



The Network helps stakeholders

- talk to each other
- help each other
- work together
- understand each other.



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