



## LAW reform

**Let's Nix 216** ♦ Advocating for the amendment or repeal of section 216 of the Criminal Code which makes it a crime to have an intimate relationship with someone who has an "impairment of mind".

**HRA 4 QLD** ♦ Helping lead the charge on getting a Human Rights Act for Queensland.

## VOICING concerns

**OPCAT in Australia** ♦ Ensuring that this United Nation's convention protects people with disability subject to indefinite detention, torture or mistreatment.

**Accessible trains** ♦ Holding the Queensland Government to account for the commission of 75 new trains in 2013 that are not fully accessible.

## raising **AWARENESS**

**Violence against people with disabilities in their homes** ♦ Developing written and multimedia resources to raise awareness, education and support for victims of violence with intellectual disability.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

### Legal Service

For people with **intellectual or cognitive disability** who need **legal assistance** to protect their **human rights**.

- ♦ Guardianship and administration
- ♦ Restrictive practices
- ♦ Forensic orders disability
- ♦ QCAT hearings

and more...

*We are very grateful for the service that was provided to us. The legal representative, Carly, was wonderful, amazing and very knowledgeable. She made others listen to what we were saying, when before we had no voice at all.*

- client, May 2018

## MENTAL HEALTH

### Legal Service

For people receiving **involuntary treatment for mental illness**.

- ♦ Treatment authorities
- ♦ Forensic orders
- ♦ Electroconvulsive therapy
- ♦ Seclusion
- ♦ Mental Health Review Tribunal hearings

and more...

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Support Program

For people with **mental illness, intellectual or cognitive disability** who need support in relation to **criminal charges**, to achieve **fair outcomes** and address **social and personal causes**.

## NDIS APPEALS

### Support Program

For people **unhappy** with a decision made by the **NDIA** who need an advocate to **guide and support** them through the internal or external **appeals process**.

For assistance, even if you are just not sure, please contact QAI on **07 3844 4200 or 1300 130 582**.  
If we cannot help, we will try and refer you to someone who can.

## About QAI

We advocate for changes to laws and systems to empower people with disability. We are a community legal centre accredited by the National Association of Community Legal Centres.

Our lawyers and advocates represent the views, wishes and preferences of the person with disability and are:

- ◆ **Free**
- ◆ **Confidential**
- ◆ **Independent and unbiased**

We are based in **Brisbane** and **Rockhampton (NDIS Appeals only)** but are able to give assistance across Queensland by telephone or videolink, if suitable to the needs of our clients.

We are funded through a variety of sources including: Australian Department of Social Services, the Commonwealth Attorney-General, and the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

## Education

We regularly speak at events to raise awareness of advocacy and disability issues, and offer training and workshops in our areas of expertise. We have a range of factsheets, research papers and other resources available on our website <https://qai.org.au>.

Please contact us if there is anything we can help you with.

## Support us

You can support QAI by:

- ◆ Becoming a **member**
- ◆ **Volunteering** as a lawyer or legal student, or undertaking practical legal training or social work placement with us
- ◆ Signing up to our **mailing list**, liking our **Facebook** page (@QueenslandAdvocacy) and following us on **Twitter** (@QldAdvocacy)
- ◆ Making a **donation**.

For more information about how you can support us or anything else contained in this publication, please see QAI's website at <https://qai.org.au>.

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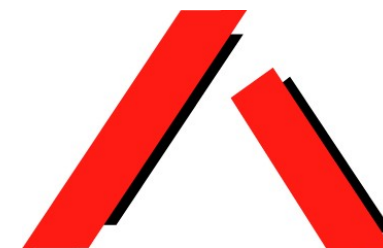
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## QUEENSLAND ADVOCACY INCORPORATED

An independent, community-based **systems and legal advocacy** organisation for promoting, protecting and defending through advocacy, the fundamental needs and rights and lives of the most **vulnerable people with disability** in Queensland.

This publication outlines the work of QAI and does not contain legal advice.

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