

# **Accommodation in Queensland**

## Who is doing the inquiry?

The Queensland Parliament has asked the Community Support and Services Committee to look at supported accommodation facilities and to report back on their findings.

The Committee is a group of politicians who help the parliament find out things.

Sometimes, these politicians talk to people about problems in the community.

This is called an inquiry.

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### What is the inquiry about?

The Committee will be looking at:

- How facilities are run and funded, and how much it costs a resident to live there.
- The services and support provided. This includes how they meet certain standards as well as the health, safety and well-being of residents.
- Ways National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded supports fit with the services provided through a facility.

The Committee will hear information from lots of different people including people who live in Supported Accommodation facilities.

They will then think about all the information they have heard.

They will look to see if the laws and standards that cover facilities work well to make sure residents are treated fairly and get quality services.

You can find out more about the Committee and this inquiry at <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/supportedliving">www.parliament.qld.gov.au/supportedliving</a>



## Who can have a say?

Anyone can make a submission to the Committee.

A submission is when you write or record the information you want to tell the Committee.

You have until 2 February 2024.

The Committee wants to hear from:

- Past and current residents
- Families of residents.
- Disability and community services supporting residents.

### How can people have a say?

There are three ways you can make a submission to the Committee:

- 1. Residents can write their submission.
- 2. Residents can record or make a short video. This has a time limit of 5 minutes or less.
- The Committee will also be going to some of the facilities and people can talk directly to the Committee.

If you do not want other people to read your ideas, write the word **confidential** in big letters at the top of the page.



### How can residents get support to tell their story?

Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion (QAI) and Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) have been asked to help residents.

#### OAI and QDN can:

- Give residents information about the inquiry.
- Support residents who want to tell their story and ideas.
- Help link residents with services and support they might need.

QAI and QDN can help people make a submission to tell their story and ideas. This can be in person, either in small group discussions or individual sessions.

Discussions with QAI and QDN will be confidential. We will only forward information to the Committee or anyone else at your request and with your permission.

You can also ask for the Committee to keep your name and anything you say in your submission confidential.

#### Who are QAI and QDN?

**QAI** is an advocacy organisation and community legal centre for people with disability. QAI provides individual and systems advocacy that upholds the rights of people with disability.



You can contact QAI on

- 1300 130 582
- @ qai@qai.org.au

You can find out more about QAI's work at

www.qai.org.au

**QDN** is an organisation for people with disability, run by people with disability. QDN works to ensure people with disability are safe, able to fully participate in the community, get services and support they need and have their rights protected. QDN's motto is "Nothing about us without us".



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