

STATEMENT OF ONGOING COMMITMENT

ALL ABILITIES QUEENSLAND – STATE DISABILITY PLAN 2017–20

The *All Abilities Queensland State Disability Plan* (AAQ) was developed to align with the National Disability Strategy. It was designed to ensure a cohesive approach to guide development of individual Queensland Government agency Disability Service Plans, required under the *Disability Services Act 2006*. This ensured that the Queensland Government met the commitments made under the National Disability Strategy.

AAQ progressed the Queensland Government's existing commitments to providing opportunities for people with disability. It also outlined Queensland's partnership approach with Commonwealth and local Governments, the corporate sector, non-Government and community organisations, communities and individuals, to provide opportunities for all.

The plan outlines five priorities:

- Communities for all
- Lifelong learning
- Employment
- Everyday services
- Leadership and participation.

It was intended that a new State Disability Plan would be developed to replace AAQ in alignment with the timeframe for the development of a new National Disability Strategy in 2020.

Due to impacts associated with COVID-19, on 4 December 2020, Disability Reform Ministers endorsed the Statement of Continued Commitment to the National Disability Strategy 2010-20 (the Strategy) to allow the necessary time for consultation with stakeholders on the development of a new National Disability Strategy.

This Statement of Continued Commitment by Disability Reform Ministers reflected the agreement of all jurisdictions to continue their efforts in implementing the principles of the National Disability Strategy until the release of a new Strategy could occur, which was expected in mid-2021.

On the basis that new Strategy would be released in mid-2021, Queensland Government agencies refreshed their current Disability Service Plans for 2020-21, including information in relation to the management of COVID-19.

As the new National Disability Strategy is now proposed for release in late 2021, it is important that the Queensland Government continues to express an ongoing commitment to furthering the objectives of AAQ, pending the development of a new State Disability Plan to align with the new National Disability Strategy when released.

The Queensland Government remains committed to an inclusive Queensland where people with disability can thrive. Accordingly, all Queensland Government agencies will consider the need to further refresh their Disability Service Plan for 2021-22 in line with this ongoing commitment to AAQ.

Once the new National Disability Strategy is released, the Queensland Government will develop a new State Disability Plan and Queensland Government agencies will work to develop new Disability Service Plans to guide our continued action to deliver targeted action to improve the lives of people with disability in Queensland.



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