Submission on the framework

* There is a need for locally based independent advocacy agencies as:
* They understand the local environment
* They are knowledgeable and connected with service providers and government agencies at the local level
* They can tap into the pool of local volunteers for many roles thus increasing the value for money of funding
* Independence = Integrity
* There is a need for an adequately , independently, funded nationwide peak body for advocacy as;
  + This body is the expert consultancy agency for government to feed through
  + This body’s coordination reduces the doubling up in systemic matters
  + This body’s networking among its constituents produce quicker more cost effective results for needs within the sector.
  + It keeps its constituents up to date on changes in the sector with a good value for money result
* There is a need for state-wide organisations to provide advocacy as;
  + They provide coverage of both sparsely populated corners of the state that could not support an economically viable local agency and also an overflow for the more densely populated areas.

**Referencing Attachment A**

Glossary

**Individual Advocacy** is stated as the umbrella term for multiple forms of advocacy whereas DSS uses the term Individual Advocacy to define the form of Advocacy with a professional (paid) advocacte providing support one on one to a person with disability and is generally issue based.

**Family Advocacy** definition needs review as what we know as Family Advocacy in NSW more closely corresponds to Parent Advocacy.

**Citizen Advocacy** “Seeks to support people with an intellectual disability (also called protégés) by matching them with volunteers (Citizen Advocates). Some of the matches made may last for life.”

**UN Treaties**

Should add “UN Convention of the Rights of Women” as women with disability are more vulnerable on the whole