



8 July 2022

Dear Disability Advocacy secretariat,

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this consultation on the draft for a new National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022-2025 (the Framework).

Inclusion Australia would like to add our support to the submission by Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA) on the draft Framework and what is needed to realise its intended outcomes.

We would like to add particular emphasis to DANA's recommendation that the Framework must include a broader understanding of self-advocacy and its history and impact. We also agree that there must be a specific outcome focused on building the capacity of people to self-advocate.

We urge the Disability Reform Ministers and their respective governments to prioritise this work and make strong commitments on disability advocacy funding and collaboration to help realise the vision of Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-31 and the National Disability Insurance Scheme: an Australia that includes and values people with disability and respects human rights for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maeve Kennedy'.

Maeve Kennedy
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