National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022 – 2025

**1.** Do you believe the new NDAF encompasses your vision of advocacy? If not, what changes are required?

It generally encompasses my vision for advocacy, a couple of points:

Something that I would query is the line under the heading **Justice**…..Disability advocacy is inclusive of legal advice and representation where it is required to assist people with disability to exercise their rights. Disability advocates are not Lawyers, we do not have the training or expertise to be providing legal advice to people.

Also under the heading **Outcomes** reads the line…..Regardless of where they live, people with disability can access quality and independent advocacy support. I agree that this is a very important goal to achieve, the disability advocacy sector is currently underfunded, if it was funded more appropriately there is more chane of this goal being achieved.

**2.** Are the principles of the NDAF appropriate for guiding the delivery of advocacy for people with disability in a changing disability environment, including in the context of the NDIS? If not, what changes are required?

I believe that they are, but Government, the NDIA, NDIS need to take these Principles seriously and that they not just be used as window dressing; that the right things are written down but are not put into practice.

**3.** Are the outcomes of the NDAF clear and achievable? Should different ones be included? If so, what should be included?

The outcomes are clear and I believe achievable, it will take a lot of work to achieve them, eg. More people with disability being in positions of decision making in all forms of Government, increased funding/resources for disability advocacy, legal support.

**4.** Are the responsibilities, reform and policy directions of the NDAF relevant or should different ones be included?

I believe that they are relevant.

**5.** Does the NDAF identify what is needed in the current and future disability environment? If not, what changes are required?

The NDIS needs an overhaul, to look at what the original vision was and how to get it back to that.

**6.** Do you have any other comments, thoughts or ideas about the NDAF?

I don’t think there is enough emphasis on employment for people with disability, with employment would come more participation in all other aspects of society, empowerment and self direction.