

Building Safe and Respectful Cultures

What the project is about



The Disability Services Commissioner (DSC) is doing a project about preventing abuse of people with disability.



Preventing abuse is about stopping abuse before it starts.



We are doing this project with Universities in Australia and the United Kingdom.

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The project is called Building Safe and Respectful Cultures. It is about how disability services and people treat each other, and how to be safe.



We want people with disability to be safe and free from abuse and harm.



We want to talk to people about what they do when people are being treated

- badly or
- in an unkind way



We know that people with disability, family members and staff are sometimes afraid to speak up if they are worried about something or feel unsafe.



We believe everybody should feel okay to speak up and be heard



When we say everybody it includes people who get disability supports, who work at a service, and those visiting a service. It could be

- people with disability
- families and carers
- friends
- advocates
- staff



Will, Fran & Peta (CR)

People with disability have been asked to take part as Community Researchers and as Project Advisory Group members



Brent & Cameron (PAG)



People with disability who are community researchers and Project Advisory Group members come from a range of organisations

Brain Injury Matters, Rainbow Rights and Advocacy and Valid.



Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc.



Most of the people have completed Voice At The Table training, and are interested in what makes people feel safe in the places where they live or get disability supports.



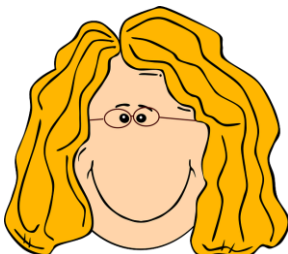
People with disability bring lived experience, skills, and knowledge to the research. This has made the project better.



The co researchers will be talking about what we have learnt from the research at the Having A Say conference in 2019.



We will continue to share what we learn with people with disability, staff, families, friends and the broader community.



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