

## Disability Discrimination

Disability discrimination is when a person is treated unfairly for reasons that relate to their physical, intellectual or mental illness disabilities. It can occur in areas such as education, employment, accommodation, getting or using services and accessing public places

The six types of disability discrimination are:

- Direct discrimination
- Indirect discrimination
- Failure to make reasonable judgement
- Discrimination arising for disability
- Harassment
- Victimisation

If you have been discriminated against because of a disability and want to make a complaint, the Disability Advocate can assist you. They provide legal advice and support to make a complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC).

## Community Education

Community Legal Education is provided across the Pilbara to help individuals and carers to be able to navigate the justice system independently.

Resources and fact sheets are available to assist people with a disability, their carers and families to understand their legal rights and obligations.

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**Open 8:00am- 4:00pm Monday to Friday**  
**To ensure that we can assist you as soon as possible, please phone ahead and make an appointment.**

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# Disability Advocacy

## Disability Support Pension (DSP)

The disability support pension is available to those who are unable to work more than 15 hours per week because of a disability. To be eligible for the DSP, both the non medical (age, residence status, income and assets) and medical criteria must be met.

The Disability Advocate can assist with initial advice and support on the process of completing the DSP application.

If the DSP application is refused by Centrelink, then the Disability Advocate can assist with the appeals process.

## National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS provides people who have a permanent and significant disability with funding for support and services for people.

The Disability Advocate can assist clients to apply for NDIS and represent them in NDIS reviews or appeals.

## What can our Disability Advocate assist with?

- Discrimination claims.
- Preparing or appealing a Disability Support Pension.
- Preparing or appealing a Carer Allowance claim.
- Appealing a decision made by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).
- Advocacy representation for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) planning, reviews and appeals.
- Appointing a power of attorney to make decisions for you.
- Making an advance health directive
- Eligibility for Government benefits.
- Representation in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.
- Elder abuse.

## Power of Attorney (EPA)

The Disability Advocate can assist clients to appoint someone they trust to make property and/or financial decisions on their behalf. The attorney's power begins if and when the capacity to make decisions is lost. For financial decisions the power begins on the date that is nominated on the EPA form.

The advantage of an EPA is being able to choose the person who a client would like to make major decisions on their behalf.

## Guardianship and Advanced Health Directive

The Disability Advocate can assist with documents related to lifestyle decisions in the event that a decision making disability is developed.

*Enduring Power of Guardianship* authorises a person chosen by the client to make important personal, lifestyle and treatment decisions on their behalf.

An *Advanced Health Directive* enables a client to make their own decision about future health care treatments in the event they become incapable of communicating their wishes

