

# FACT SHEET

## *Disability Inclusion and Safeguarding Bill 2024*

- The Disability Inclusion and Safeguarding Bill 2024 will advance and safeguard the rights of all Tasmanians with disability and advance the full and effective inclusion of all people with disability.
- The Bill promotes a social model of disability and the human rights expressed within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD) and Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS).
- It strengthens Tasmania's commitment to disability inclusion and to the UNCRPD and ADS by formalising requirements relating to consultation, planning and reporting of progress in delivering actions through a legislated Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan and associated action plans for defined entities.
- The Bill creates the position of a Tasmanian Disability Commissioner to promote inclusion and improve quality and safeguarding protections which complement existing investigative and safeguarding roles.
- It establishes a mechanism for the formal inclusion of people with disability in leadership through the creation of a Disability Inclusion Advisory Council.
- The Bill elevates the role of Senior Practitioner to that of decision maker for the authorisation of restrictive practices used by disability service providers. It regulates the use of restrictive practices by disability services providers to ensure that the least restrictive practice is used for the shortest period possible and that over time restrictive practices are reduced or eliminated wherever possible.
- The Bill makes provision for a Community Visitor Scheme to be established in the future in response to a recommendation from the Disability Royal Commission.
- The Bill enables the continuation of the funding for activities and services that align with the objects of the Bill, such as advocacy services, which are complementary and do not duplicate services funded under other State or Commonwealth programs in line with Principles to Determine the Responsibilities of the NDIS and Other Service Systems – The Applied Principles and Tables of Support (APTOS).