



# Sector Development for Disability Representative Organisations

**Around 4.2 million Australians live with a limitation, restriction or impairment that impedes their everyday activities.**

Grants offered to Disability Representative Organisations help support Australians with disability by representing individual and collective interests and views on relevant policy and legislation to the Australian Government.

Funding to Disability Representative Organisations is provided under the Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme and enables these organisations to better represent the interests and views of all people with disability and the disability service providers that support them.

## What has been offered?

Five organisations will each receive \$300 000 per annum to collaborate under the **National Cross Disability Alliance** and represent Australians with disability. These organisations are:

- People with Disability Australia
- First Peoples Disability Network Australia
- Children with Disability Australia
- The National Ethnic Disability Alliance
- Women with Disabilities Australia

In addition, the National Disability Services Limited will receive funding of \$275,000 as the organisation representing service providers that support people with disability.

## What services will be delivered?

The new National Cross-Disability Alliance will work collaboratively to provide advice to the Australian Government on issues of national importance in common areas of interest, while maintaining capacity for issues to be represented on specific or individual topics.

## The new way of working for grants

The Department's new grant arrangements provide greater certainty for social service providers to improve service delivery for the community.

As part of this new way of working for grants, service providers have the scope and flexibility to be responsive, innovative and creative in meeting the needs of, and achieving better outcomes for the Australian community.

These improvements will create a more efficient and effective way of delivering government funds to the community by reducing red tape and duplication for service providers and creating more streamlined, simplified and consistent reporting processes.

For more information on the [new way of working for grants](http://www.dss.gov.au/grants) visit [www.dss.gov.au/grants](http://www.dss.gov.au/grants).