



What is the Council?

Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability



Easy Read

About this Easy Read



Department of
Communities

This Easy Read was written by the WA
Government Department of Communities.



It is about the **Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability**.

We call it the Council for short.



We use easy words here to tell you more about

- The Council
- The job of members



There is more information in harder words on our
website.

About the Council



The Council is a group who gives advice to the WA Minister for Disability Services.



Council members are

- People with disability
- Family and carers

and

- People from the disability community



The Council helps the Government hear the voices of people with disability in WA.

Important documents for the Council

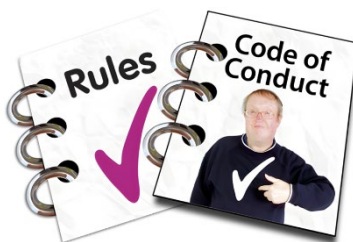


A law called the **Disability Services Act** says the main rules for the Council.



The [State Disability Strategy](#) is an important part of what the Council does.

This is a plan with ideas to make life better for people with disability.

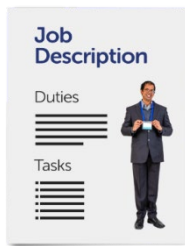


The Council has [other documents with extra rules](#).



We will have these extra rules in Easy Read soon.

What Council members must do



These are the jobs of Council members.



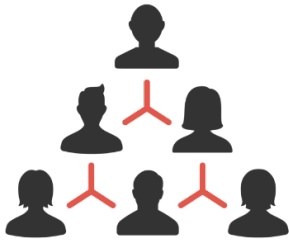
Promise to be honest and fair.



Make sure people with disability get a say in WA Government plans.



Stand up for the rights of people with disability, their families and carers.



Be connected to people from

- The disability community
- Disability organisations
- Government



Make sure advice is correct and up to date.



Follow the rules and laws of the group.



Keep Council information private.

This is also called **confidential**.

How much time it takes



The Council member job goes for up to 2 years.



Members must go to 6 meetings each year.



Meetings go for 2 and a half hours.



Members do 2 hours work before each meeting to

- Read the papers
- Plan what they want to say



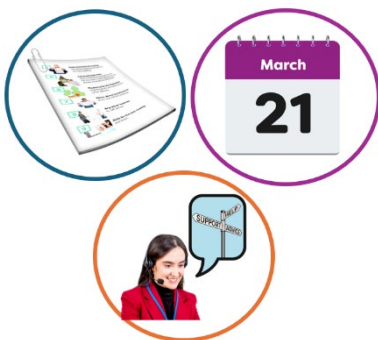
Members also do work in between meetings

- Read emails
- Read papers
- Email advice
- Go to extra meetings

Who helps the Council



The **secretariat** is a group of workers from the Department of Communities.



The secretariat

- Plans meetings
- Makes papers
- Supports members

What members get



Members get paid \$505 per meeting.



We can pay members back for some costs to be part of meetings.

For example if you need a taxi there.

Members can get support for meetings like



- Easy Read
- Support person
- Auslan



Members can get free counselling if they need it.



For more information you can email

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