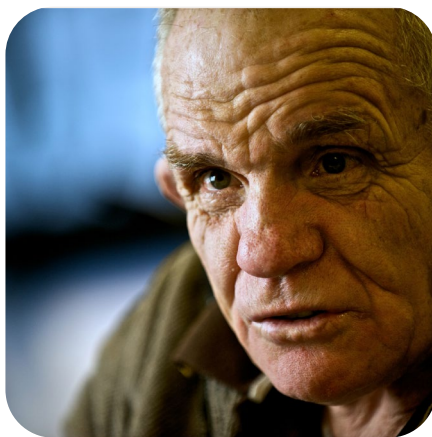




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Annual report **2020–21**



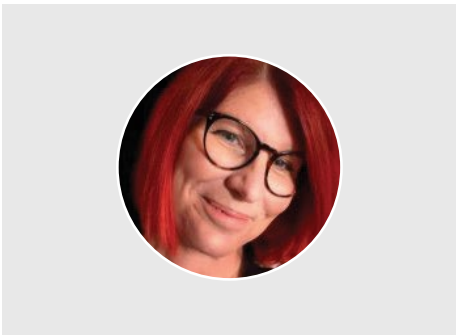
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Message from the president



This is a message from Samantha Connor.



I am the president of PWDA.
The **president** helps decide how PWDA is run.



It has been a hard year for people with
disability and for PWDA.
We showed the world that we are strong.

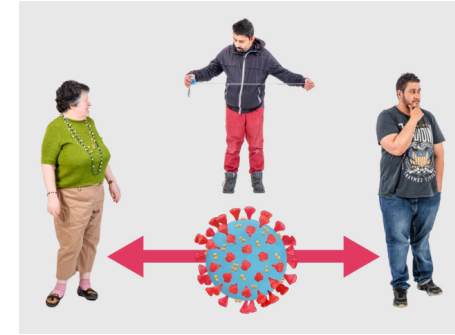


This year we got a new CEO.
The **CEO** is the leader of PWDA.



Our members voted for our new board.

The **board** is a group of people that looks at how the organisation is run.



We helped keep people safe from COVID.



I want to thank our new CEO and all the staff at PWDA.

You have done great work during COVID.



We kept speaking up for people with disability.

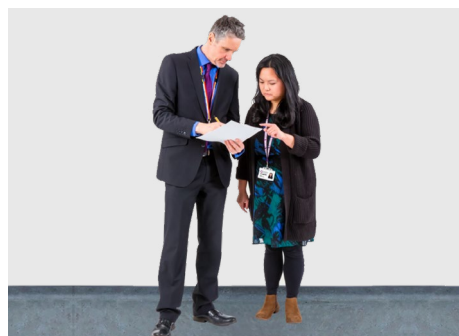


This year we made some great things happen.

We stopped bad changes to the NDIS like independent assessments.



Next year we will keep speaking up for people with disability.

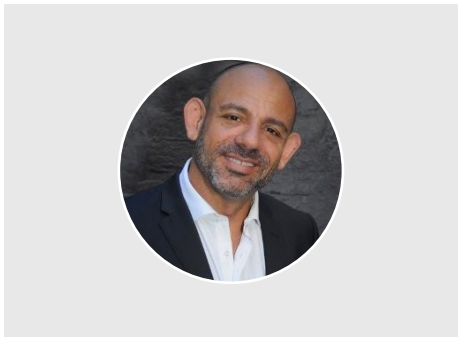


Independent assessments are like a test to see who can get support from the NDIS.



We want everyone to work together to make things better for people with disability.

Message from the CEO



This is a message from Sebastian Zagarella.



I am the new CEO at PWDA.



This year was different because of COVID.
COVID made it very hard for PWDA to do its work.



Everyone did a great job to support people with disability.
Thank you for all your work.



I have a disability too.
But I have never worked for a disability organisation.



I have learnt a lot since I started at PWDA.



The disability community and PWDA do amazing work.



I look forward to support the work.



Thank you to everyone for welcoming me.

What we did this year



This is the annual report for 2020 to 2021.

The **annual report** says what we did during the last year.

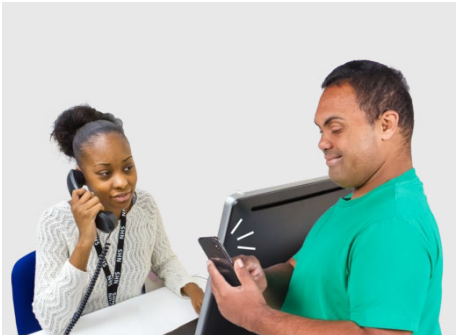


We spoke up about what the government should do about COVID.

COVID work



This year lots of the work at PWDA had to do with COVID.



We made sure the government helps people with disability during COVID.



We worked to make sure people with disability are safe and well.



We worked hard so that people with disability have a say about COVID.



We supported people who had bad things happen to them because of COVID.



We helped to stop independent assessments.

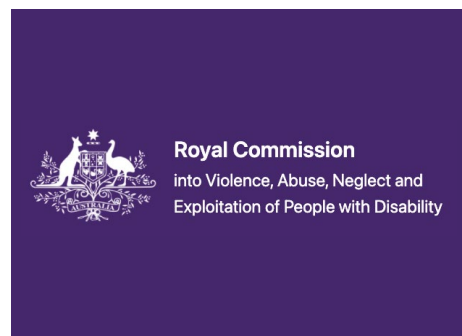


Independent assessments are like a test to get support from the NDIS.



Most people did not want independent assessments.

Disability Royal Commission



We helped make good changes to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

Disability Royal Commission for short.



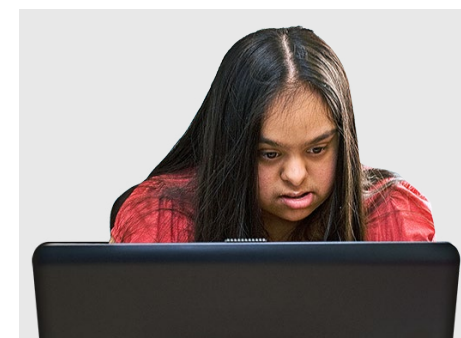
The Disability Royal Commission hears stories from people with disability.

They want to look after the rights of people with disability better.



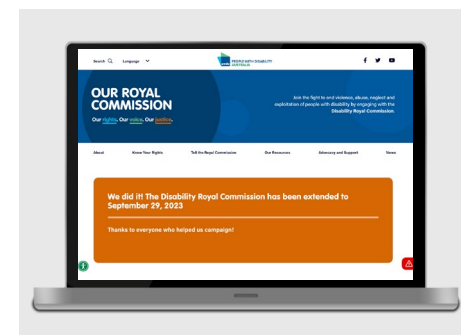
PWDA made sure people had

- Support to tell their stories
- Enough time to tell their stories
- Their stories kept private



We set up a website with information about the Disability Royal Commission.

982 people have looked at the website.



To see the website go to

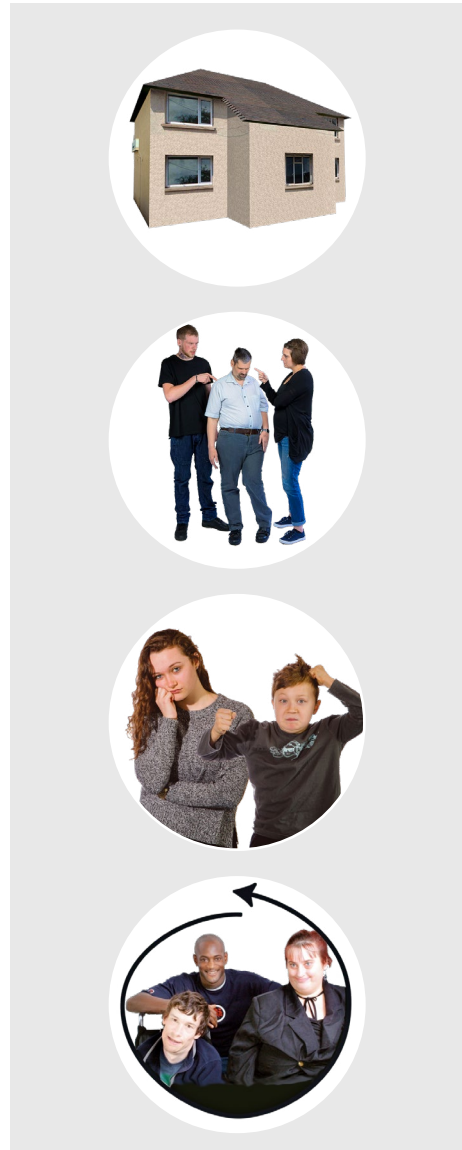
www.ourroyalcommission.com.au

Advocacy support



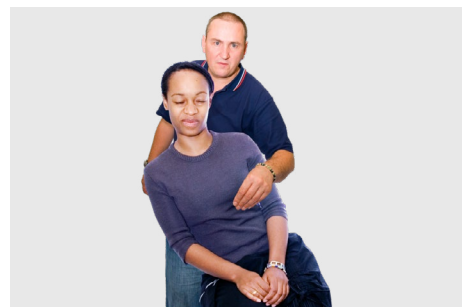
PWDA gave advocacy support to many people in NSW and QLD.

Advocacy support is when someone helps you speak up about a problem.



We supported disability organisations with projects about

- Housing
- Abuse
- Mental Health
- Rights



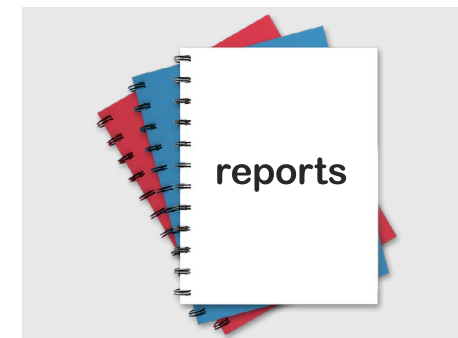
Abuse is when someone

- Hurts your body
- Does bad things to you
- Does sexual things to you that you do not want



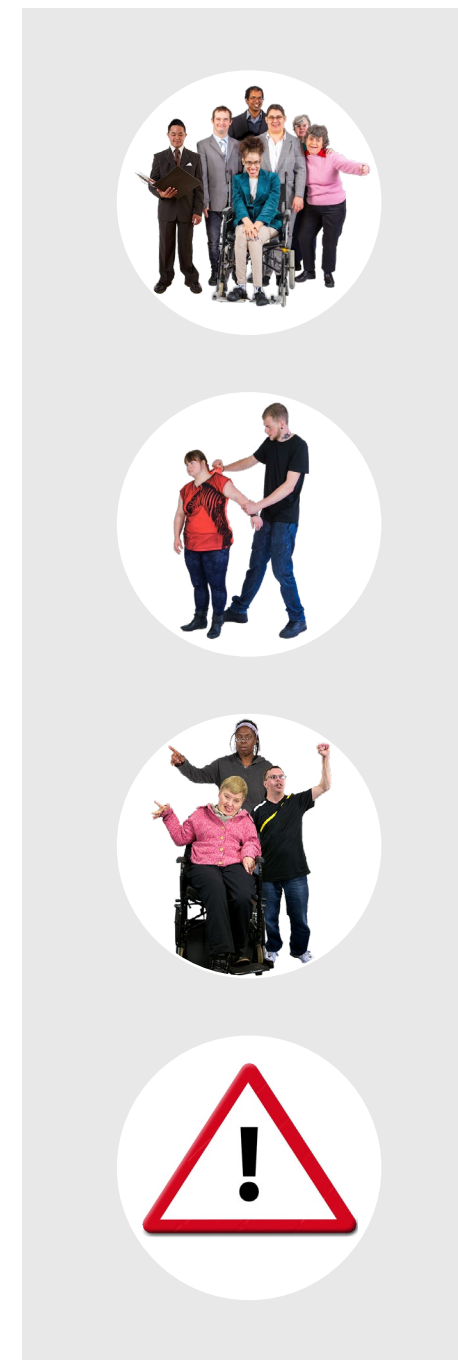
Mental health means looking after your mind and wellbeing.

Getting our messages out there



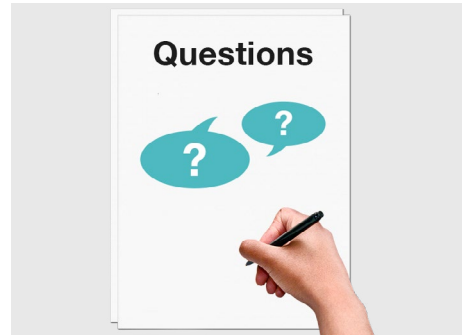
We wrote lots of reports about important topics.

We want the government to make things better for people with disability.



Our reports were about

- Inclusion
- Violence at home
- Rights
- Safety



We did studies to support our work.



We ran training for the government.



We want government workers to include people with disability better.



Lots of people read about PWDA on the internet.

More than last year.

Thank you and welcome



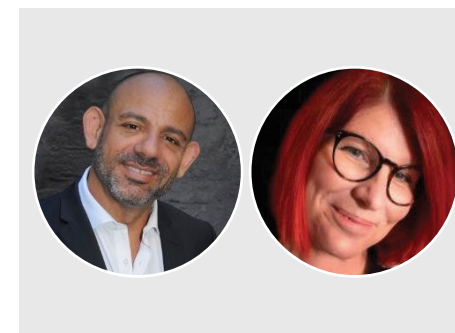
PWDA wants to say thank you to our

- Workers

- Members

- Supporters

- Community



We also say welcome to

- Our CEO Sebastian Zagarella

- Our president Samantha Connor



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