

## People with Disability Australia and the Redress Project

### Who are we?

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a national disability rights, advocacy and representative organisation. We are made up of, led and governed by people with disability. We provide all people with disability with a voice of our own. We are a non-profit, non-government organisation, and work across Australia. We also represent people with disability at the United Nations in relation to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

### PWDA's Redress Team

PWDA's Redress team assists people with disability to access the Federal Government's National Redress Scheme. We provide free confidential information and support to people with disability, including psychosocial disability/mental health. We can help from the beginning to the end of the process of engaging with the Scheme. People without disability can also apply to the Scheme, and we can connect them to other services that can assist them.

Our Redress Team can provide support on the phone, by email, or over the internet via things like Skype or Zoom. In some areas of NSW and QLD we can meet with people in person.

We don't just support people through the application process, we are able to provide warm referrals to other services such as counselling support and advocacy.

We also support services who work with people with disability who may want to apply to the Scheme. We can provide their staff with information on how to help someone to apply, and can walk through the entire process side-by-side with staff. This is because we believe that people should be able to continue to work with the services they know and trust, and workers they are connected to.

Many people do not know about the National Redress Scheme and are missing out. That is why we are providing information to services to assist people with disability. We feel very strongly that everyone has a right to know about this Scheme, and to participate if they are eligible and wish to do so.

## To make a referral or to contact the Redress Project

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