

# Media Release

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## VICTORIANS INVITED TO HAVE A SAY ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering nation-leading legislation to support more than a million Victorians with disability by building a more inclusive and accessible community.

Victorians are invited to have their say on the proposed Disability Inclusion Bill to make Victoria fairer and more inclusive by building inclusion into everything government does.

The Bill is a critical part of the Labor Government's agenda to achieve transformative equality for people with disability through a modern legal framework that ensures policy, services and programs are designed with people with disability at the table.

The Bill also proposes a Commissioner for Disability Inclusion to promote and monitor progress in advancing disability inclusion and embed the social model of disability in Victoria.

The proposed legislation would create new obligations for the public sector, local government and education institutions to promote and advance disability inclusion.

It would also introduce provisions to improve transparency and accountability for progress to advance disability inclusion and achieve equality in Victoria.

The Bill's development has been informed closely with the Disability Act Review Advisory Group, Chaired by Graeme Innes, and public consultation with people with disability, advocates and the disability sector.

Consultation is now open and closes on 31 October. Visit [engage.vic.gov.au/disability-act](https://engage.vic.gov.au/disability-act) for information and to have your say.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Colin Brooks

*"Ensuring the Disability Inclusion Act is written with people with disability is central to ensuring we get the legislation right."*

*"I encourage all Victorians - and particularly people with disability - to have their say to help us make Victoria more equal, inclusive and accessible for everyone."*

### Quote attributable to Victorian Disability Act Review Advisory Group Chair Graeme Innes AM

*"The Disability Inclusion Bill will strengthen Victoria's approach to promoting human rights, inclusion and participation of people with disability."*

### Quote attributable to Chair of the Victorian Disability Advisory Council Chris Varney

*"Addressing barriers to participation faced by people with disability is key to transformational change. Having input into the proposals in the Disability Inclusion Bill is an important way to help achieve this."*