

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

Brain Injury Australia runs multi-year awareness-raising and public education campaigns, built around policy papers it has written for the Australian Government on:

- the leading cause of death and disability in children who have been abused – inflicted traumatic brain injury, sometimes referred to as “shaken baby syndrome”;
- the leading cause of traumatic brain injury across all age groups and causes – falls, due to the ageing of Australia’s population;
- people with a brain injury in the criminal justice system - as many as 60% of Australia’s 30,000 adult prisoners have an ABI; and
- concussion in sport (in partnership with Sports Medicine Australia).

The policy papers relating to these campaigns are available at the Brain Injury Australia’s website:
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**Brain Injury Australia
is the peak advocacy
organisation
representing -
with its State and
Territory Member
organisations -
the needs of the over
600,000 Australians
with an acquired
brain injury (ABI),
their families and
carers.**

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what we do...*

DISABILITYCARE AUSTRALIA

Brain Injury Australia is working to ensure that the national disability insurance scheme, DisabilityCare Australia (DCA), meets the needs of all Australians with an ABI.

We meet regularly with people with an ABI, their family members, carers, clinicians, allied health professionals and service providers from around the country.

Brain Injury Australia has conducted three nationwide consultations, in relation to: the Productivity Commission's inquiry into "Disability Care and Support"; the eligibility and assessment of people with an ABI for DCA; and the "Rules" by which DCA will be run.

Brain Injury Australia has also written submissions to the Productivity Commission, to the Council of Australian Governments on how DCA should be regulated, and to the Senate Committee examining the legislation establishing DCA.



If you would like to get involved in Brain Injury Australia's work on DisabilityCare Australia, please contact us.

PLAN FACILITATION PROVIDERS

Many people with an ABI, their family members and carers will be able to navigate the new world of DisabilityCare Australia (DCA).

But some will not.

Brain Injury Australia is working with its Member organisations to enable them to become "Plan Facilitation Providers" for DCA.

They will help people with an ABI:

- access DCA;
- identify those services and supports best qualified to meet the specific needs of people with an ABI;
- prepare and manage their personal, goal-based "plan"; and
- communicate with DCA and its agencies.



For more information about "Plan Facilitation Providers", please contact Brain Injury Australia.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

Brain Injury Australia has been funded by the Australian Government to produce disability assessment tools that are both relevant and sensitive to Indigenous Australians' experience of ABI.

With its project partners - Brain Injury Australia's Queensland Member organization, Synapse, and researchers from James Cook University - Brain Injury Australia has developed:

- culturally appropriate instruments for assessing function, cognitive impairment, and the care and support needs of Indigenous Australians with an ABI;
- best practice guidelines for engaging Indigenous Australians with an ABI and their communities for the purpose of assessment; and
- support frameworks for those conducting the assessments, including guidelines for training, mentoring, supervision and review.



For more information about this work, please contact Brain Injury Australia.