

# Capricorn Citizen Advocacy

## DEFINITION OF DISABILITY POLICY

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### Purpose

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy has a clear program focus on supporting vulnerable people including those with disabilities. This is the purpose for our existence and providing advocacy for such people is tied to our funding.

The definition of disability adopted by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy is the legal definition set out in the relevant Queensland legislation.

### Policy

**Definition of ‘Disability’:** Capricorn Citizen Advocacy refers to ‘people with disability’ as meaning the same as the legal definition found in [Part 1, Division 3, Section 11 of the Disability Services Act \(Qld\) 2006 \(as amended\)](#);

#### 11. What is a *disability*

- (1) A **disability** is a person’s condition that —
  - (a) is attributable to —
    - (i) an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment; or
    - (ii) a combination of impairments mentioned in subparagraph (i); and
  - (b) results in —
    - (i) a substantial reduction of the person’s capacity for communication, social interaction, learning, mobility or self care or management; and
    - (ii) the person needing support.
- (2) For subsection (1), the impairment may result from an acquired brain injury.
- (3) The disability must be permanent or likely to be permanent.
- (4) The disability may be, but need not be, of a chronic episodic nature.

**Related Documents**

Not Applicable

**References**

*Disability Services Act (Qld) 2006 (as amended).*

**Ratification**

This policy was adopted by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy’s Management Committee at its meeting held on 27 / 03 / 2024.



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**President**

**27 / 03 / 2024**  
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