



Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our July newsletter.

I wanted to remind disability workers and employers that if you haven't already done so, now is a great time for you and your workforce to become registered. Disability worker registration is voluntary, is currently free and we undertake and pay for a police check. By becoming registered you are putting your hand up and telling the community you provide and push for quality services.

I am looking forward to being part of an important webinar for parents and families of children with disability, held in partnership with the Association for Children with a Disability. This session is important for anyone who wants to know more about how we regulate and improve the safety and quality of disability services for children and young people. You can find out more in the Events section below.

We are continuing to engage with organisations across the sector, providing them with updates, information and resources on our functions and how this impacts their work. If you're interested in learning more or arranging an information session please contact education@vdkc.vic.gov.au

Events

Webinar for parents and families - August 2nd

We are pleased to be hosting a webinar for parents and families, in partnership with the Association for Children with a Disability. Taking place on Wednesday 2nd August at 10am, this webinar is for anyone interested in how we regulate services for children and young people with disability. It will include updates on our complaints service, disability

worker registration and the Commission's role in regulating disability staff in schools.

The Commission supports parents and families to ensure children with disability have access to safe, quality disability workers.

Don't miss this important webinar for an update on what the Commission's work means for you and your family. After registering you are also able to submit questions in advance, or during the session. **To find out more and register** [please click here.](#)

For the disability workforce

Have you been thinking about becoming registered as a disability worker? If you're unsure about why registration is so important for people with disability and the wider sector, [hear from some of our registered workers here.](#)

Learn more about registration at vdwc.vic.gov.au/registration



Currently a registered worker?

A reminder that renewal of registration opens soon. Look out for an email from our Registration team with further information on completing renewal to ensure your registration stays active.

Education and engagement

Our team can conduct information sessions on the work of the Commission both in-person and virtually, and tailor the material to the needs of your organisation. If you are interested in finding out more or arranging a session, please reach out to education@vdwc.vic.gov.au

Submissions

The Commission was pleased to make two submissions to recent government consultations and contribute to this valuable work. These consultations were:

- **NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework issues paper.** Due to our close interaction with the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, our submission focused on referrals and information sharing between our respective entities, and opportunities to improve these processes so that complaints-handling is achieved in a more streamlined and efficient way. Our submission can be read [here](#).
- **Social Services Regulations 2023** - consultation on the regulatory impact statement and draft regulations for social services in Victoria. Our submission highlighted the importance of identifying opportunities to reduce regulatory burden on social service providers and their workforce, as well as emphasised the importance of information sharing and referrals between regulators. You can read our submission [here](#).

Other news

National Disability Summit - August 21st & 22nd

Commissioner Dan Stubbs is pleased to be speaking at this year's National Disability Summit, being held at Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne, 21st and 22nd August.

The Summit provides an opportunity for disability service providers, industry leaders, government representatives, carers and more to discuss the issues and considerations impacting the disability sector. To find out more and to register please go to: [Home - National Disability Summit | Informa Connect Australia](#)

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