

NSW AGEING AND DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD - SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) is looking for new members to join the Ageing and Disability Advisory Board.

The role

The primary role of the Advisory Board is to advise the Commissioner on matters relevant to the functions of the ADC, including abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults with disability and older people living in the community in NSW. Board members are to have relevant knowledge of and experience in matters relating to adults with disability and older people.

Who we are looking for

We are looking for new members to join the Advisory Board from March 2026.

In particular, we are keen to receive expressions of interest from people from rural and regional communities across NSW who are:

- a person with lived experience of disability, and/or
- an older person,
- from multicultural or First Nations communities.

Your expression of interest should convey the extent to which you meet some or all of the following criteria:

- A person who is or has been actively involved in an advocacy, information or representative organisation for older people or people with disability in NSW
- A person with a sound understanding of issues relating to abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people and/or adults with disability.
- A person with experience in representing people employed in the provision of disability services or services for older people.

Conditions

Advisory Board members are paid a daily sitting fee for each Board meeting attended.

More details on the role

Section 29 of the *Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019* states:

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- (1) *There is to be an Ageing and Disability Advisory Board.*
- (2) *The function of the Board is to advise the Commissioner on any matter that the Board considers appropriate or that is referred to the Board by the Commissioner.*

- (3) *The Board is to consist of the Commissioner and persons appointed by the Commissioner who, in the Commissioner's opinion, have relevant knowledge of and experience in matters relating to adults with disability and older adults (the **appointed members**).*
- (4) *The Commissioner must ensure that the composition of the Board reflects the diversity of the community, and includes the following —*
- (a) 2 or more persons with disability,*
 - (a1) 2 or more older adults,*
 - (b) a representative of independent specialist advocacy, information and representative organisations for people with disability in New South Wales,*
 - (c) a representative of independent specialist advocacy, information and representative organisations for older adults in New South Wales,*
 - (d) 1 or more persons representing persons employed in the provision of disability services or services for older adults.*
- (5) *An appointed member is to be appointed to the Board for a period of 3 years or less and may be re-appointed.*
- (6) *The Board is to elect a chairperson and deputy chairperson from the appointed members.*
- (7) *The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Board and for the conduct of those meetings is to be determined by the Commissioner.*

Do you or someone you know meet these criteria?

If you or someone you know meet one or more of the criteria listed in the '**Who we are looking for**' section, please send us your contact details, how you meet the criteria, and any reasons why you may be suitable for the role.

This is not a formal expression of interest process rather an informal means to identify a range of possible appointees. Not all nominees will be contacted at the end of the process.

Closing date

Please send through the relevant details (as outlined above) to the Executive Manager, Katerina Paneras, at Commissioner@adc.nsw.gov.au by cob 9 February 2026.

Thank you for considering this request.



Jeff Smith
Commissioner