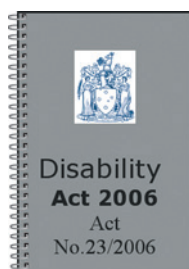


Information Sheet 2

Being part of your community

Disability Act 2006



What is the *Disability Act 2006*?

From the 1st of July 2007 the *Disability Act 2006* is the new law for people with a disability.

What does the new law mean for you?

The new law says people with a disability should get support and services that other people in the community get.

To do this the new law says:



- it wants the government and the community to work together



- working together will help meet the hopes and dreams of people with a disability.



Disability Advisory Council of Victoria

About the Disability Advisory Council

The Disability Advisory Council:



- is a group of people who support the rights of people with a disability



- most people on the Disability Advisory Council have a disability



- other people on the Disability Advisory Council know a lot about disability

For example they may have a child with a disability.

What does the Disability Advisory Council do?



- speaks to people with disabilities about what they need to be part of the community.

- tells the Minister for Community Services about problems that people with disabilities have.



**Victorian State
Disability Plan
2002–2012**

What is the Victorian State Disability Plan?

The Victorian State Disability Plan 2002–2012 says that:



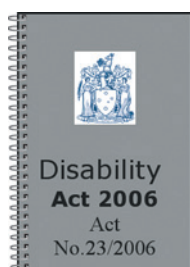
- you have the same rights as other people



- you should be doing things that are part of your community



- the government and community should work together to support people with disabilities



- the new law says that a new State Disability Plan will need to be made in January 2013.



What is a Disability Action Plan?

It is a plan that says:



- how people with a disability in Victoria will be supported to be part of the community



- how people with a disability will get help to meet their hopes and dreams and have a good life



- what organisations like the Department of Human Services need to do to help people with a disability be part of the community.



For more information about the *Disability Act 2006*:



About the *Disability Act 2006* (Easy Read)



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