**Advocacy for Inclusion**

**Impact Report 2022**

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| **Month** | **Activity** | **Title/subject** | **Follow-up** |
| January | Submission  Submission | [ACT’s single-use plastics ban (tranche 2)](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Submission-to-ACTs-single-use-plastics-ban.pdf)  Inclusive, Progressive, Equal: Discrimination Law Reform | Exception made to allow businesses to provide plastic straws upon request, with no ‘proof’ of requirement necessary. |
| February | Submission | National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children | Endorsed by WWDACT |
| March | Submission | Healthy Prison Review of the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) | Discussion at Justice Reform Group |
| April | Submission  Letter | [Inquiry into Petition 32-21 (No Rights without Remedy)](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1990170/Submission-23-Advocacy-for-Inclusion.pdf)  [The Right to Vote](https://pwd.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/OPEN-LETTER-_-RIGHT-TO-VOTE-1.pdf) | Submission [referenced](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/2023764/JCS-Report-7-Report-into-the-Inquiry-into-Petition-32-21-No-Rights-Without-Remedy.pdf) in Committee Report; committee support for enabling accessible human rights complaints  Joint letter (65 organisations/individuals) |
| May | Submission  Letter | [ACT Budget Consultation 2022-23](https://www.budgetconsultation.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/2014894/065.-Advocacy-for-Inclusion-Budget-Submission.pdf)  Calls for the ACT Government to end forced relocations | Increased funding for education. For summary see [here.](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/media-release-budget-good-initiatives-but-disability-focus-lacking/)  CBR City News [article](https://citynews.com.au/2022/women-the-victims-of-forced-evictions/) |
| June | Letter | [Comment on Planning Bill 2022](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Letter-re-Comment-on-Planning-Bill-2022-Consultation-Draft.pdf) | Addressed Inquiry |
| July | Submission  Submission  Submission  Submission  Submission | [Proposed Legislative Amendments for Sexual Assault Reform Bill 2022](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/2107975/Submission-008.1-Advocacy-for-Inclusion.pdf)  [National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022-2025](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/national-disability-advocacy-framework-2022-2025national-disability-advocacy-framework-2022-2025/)  [Inquiry into access to services and information in Auslan](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Inquiry-into-Auslan-Submission-AFI.pdf)  [The ACT Disability Strategy 2022-2032](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/22072022_Disability-Strategy-FINAL.pdf)  [Inquiry into Housing and Rental Affordability](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/2059514/012-Advocacy-for-Inclusion.pdf) | Recommendations [referenced and agreed](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/2120194/Report-10-Sexual-Assault-Reform-Legislation-Amendment-Bill-2022.pdf) to by govt  Supported by ACTCOSS. Invited to give evidence but deferred to Deaf community. Report from committee due 28 Feb  Supported and referenced by [ACTCOSS.](https://www.actcoss.org.au/sites/default/files/public/publications/2022-submission-ACT-Disability-Strategy_0.pdf)  Nick and Craig participate in [public hearing](https://www.hansard.act.gov.au/Hansard/10th-assembly/Committee-transcripts/egee15.pdf) |
| August | Submission (joint)  Hearing  Submission  Feedback  Submission  White Paper | [Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice](https://d35ohva3c1yycw.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/30131613/Joint-submission-Inquiry-into-abortion-and-reproductive-choice-in-the-ACT-22-August-2022-002.pdf) (with WWDACT)  Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2022-23  Legislative, Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks of DHULWA  Commissioning Primary Health Services for Young People  Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2022  [White Paper on COVID-19](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/White-Paper-COVID-19.pdf) | ACTCOSS referenced the joint submission twice [during the hearing](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/2115887/Hearing-schedule-28-October-2022-Inquiry-into-Abortion-and-Reproductive-Choice-in-the-ACT.pdf)  Nick and Craig gave evidence in [public hearing](https://www.hansard.act.gov.au/Hansard/10th-assembly/Committee-transcripts/est01.pdf)  Concerns and recommendations referenced in the [listening report](https://hdp-au-prod-app-act-yoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/8216/6916/4797/Listening_Report_-_YourSay_consultation_on_Public_Exposure_Draft_of_the_Residential_Tenancies_Legislation_Amendment_Bill_2022.pdf)  Themes picked up by a range of groups and AFI invited to address Federal COVID Oversight Committee and copies provided to Federal Ministers and the CHO |
| September | Event | Sick, Sad and Shut in? Life with COVID for People with Disability | See above launch of white paper |
| October | White Paper  White Paper  Event | [White Paper on Housing](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/White-Paper-Housing-12-October-2022-FINAL.pdf)  [White Paper on Income Support](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/White-Paper-Income-Support-Sept-2022-1.pdf)  Finding home: Accessible and Affordable Housing in Canberra | Model budget used in ACTCOSS [Poverty and Inequality Factsheet](https://www.actcoss.org.au/sites/default/files/public/publications/2022-factsheet-Poverty-and-inequality-in-the-ACT_0.pdf)  Supported by ACTCOSS |
| November | Submission  Submission  Submission  Submission | [Inquiry into Planning Bill 2022](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/2112717/Submission-52-Advocacy-for-Inclusion.pdf)  [Federal Inquiry into Long COVID](https://www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=51f6dd91-7e58-4e2b-aa4a-bb4de90e5dfd&subId=726563)  [Inquiry into the waste management of absorbent hygiene products](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/2110179/18-Advocacy-for-Inclusion.pdf)  [Age Friendly Suburbs Program – Reid, Chifley, Scullin and O’Connor](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/age-friendly-suburbs-program-consultation/) | Govt [Report](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/2156792/PTCS-Report-12-Inquiry-into-Planning-Bill-2022-Final-Report-SIGNED.pdf) supported joint calls for a social planning unit  Participated in public hearing. Submission endorsed by ACTCOSS and COTA ACT  Submission endorsed by COTA ACT |
| December | White Paper  Event  Submission  Letter  Submission | [White Paper on Inclusive Education](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/White-Paper-Inclusive-Education-FORUM.pdf)  Making Inclusive Education Work Forum  [Capability and Culture of the NDIA](https://www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=6ee8f1c5-13c6-4015-9a4f-f3afd74a801d&subId=732055)  [Response to COVID-19 Update including face masks](https://www.advocacyforinclusion.org/letter-response-to-covid-update/)  What needs to change – A submission to the Disability Royal Commission | Reviewed and endorsed by critical friends’ group. Launched at successful forum for IDPWD 2022.  Co-hosted with ACT Education Directorate  Endorsed by National Disability Services ACT, ADACAS, ACTCOSS, and the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT. Reaction: mask mandate period extended until 31/01/23 |

**Media**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Outlet** | **Link** |
| 09/05/22 | Forced relocations - housing | CBR City News | <https://bit.ly/3wmtlKs> |
| 13/05/22 | Voting rights | ABC News | <https://ab.co/3XNSf1z> |
| 19/06/22 | Taxi subsidy scheme | The Riot Act | <https://bit.ly/3J6iZpM> |
| 18/07/22 | Cost of living, COVID measures | The Drum (ABC) | <https://ab.co/3WtI2Gi> |
| 1/10/22 | COVID measures | The Canberra Times |  |
| 6/10/22 | COVID measures | The Guardian | <https://bit.ly/3IYDmFq> |
| 13/10/22 | COVID measures | The Canberra Times | <https://bit.ly/3Wol9Eq> |
| 21/11/22 | Inclusion Awards | ABC (Broadcast) | <https://ab.co/3Hf6xlh> |
| 14/12/22 | COVID measures | The Riot Act | <https://bit.ly/3whcA3r> |

**2022 in Quick Review**

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| **Activity** | **Outreach** |
| Number of submissions | 19 |
| Number of recommendations | 106 |
| Number of endorsements | 12 |
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