

Advocacy for Inclusion

Impact Report 2022

Month	Activity	Title/subject	Follow-up
January	Submission	ACT's single-use plastics ban (tranche 2)	Exception made to allow businesses to provide plastic straws upon request, with no 'proof' of requirement necessary.
	Submission	Inclusive, Progressive, Equal: Discrimination Law Reform	
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	Inquiry into Petition 32-21 (No Rights without Remedy)	Submission referenced in Committee Report; committee support for enabling accessible human rights complaints
	Letter	The Right to Vote	Joint letter (65 organisations/individuals)
May	Submission	ACT Budget Consultation 2022-23	Increased funding for education. For summary see here .
	Letter	Calls for the ACT Government to end forced relocations	CBR City News article
June	Letter	Comment on Planning Bill 2022	Addressed Inquiry
July	Submission	Proposed Legislative Amendments for Sexual Assault Reform Bill 2022	Recommendations referenced and agreed to by govt
	Submission	National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022-2025	
	Submission	Inquiry into access to services and information in Auslan	Supported by ACTCOSS. Invited to give evidence but deferred to Deaf community. Report from committee due 28 Feb
	Submission	The ACT Disability Strategy 2022-2032	Supported and referenced by ACTCOSS .

	Submission	Inquiry into Housing and Rental Affordability	Nick and Craig participate in public hearing
August	Submission (joint)	Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice (with WWDACT)	ACTCOSS referenced the joint submission twice during the hearing
	Hearing	Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2022-23	Nick and Craig gave evidence in public hearing
	Submission	Legislative, Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks of DHULWA	
	Feedback	Commissioning Primary Health Services for Young People	
	Submission	Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2022	Concerns and recommendations referenced in the listening report
	White Paper	White Paper on COVID-19	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 on Housing	
	White Paper	White Paper on Income Support	Model budget used in ACTCOSS Poverty and Inequality Factsheet
	Event	Finding home: Accessible and Affordable Housing in Canberra	Supported by ACTCOSS
November	Submission	Inquiry into Planning Bill 2022	Govt Report supported joint calls for a social planning unit
	Submission	Federal Inquiry into Long COVID	
	Submission	Inquiry into the waste management of absorbent hygiene products	Participated in public hearing. Submission

	Submission	Age Friendly Suburbs Program – Reid, Chifley, Scullin and O’Connor	endorsed by ACTCOSS and COTA ACT Submission endorsed by COTA ACT
December	White Paper	White Paper on Inclusive Education	Reviewed and endorsed by critical friends’ group. Launched at successful forum for IDPWD 2022.
	Event	Making Inclusive Education Work Forum	
	Submission	Capability and Culture of the NDIA	Co-hosted with ACT Education Directorate
	Letter	Response to COVID-19 Update including face masks	Endorsed by National Disability Services ACT, ADACAS, ACTCOSS, and the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT. Reaction: mask mandate period extended until 31/01/23
	Submission	What needs to change – A submission to the Disability Royal Commission	

Media

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/3IYDmFg
13/10/22	COVID measures	The Canberra Times	https://bit.ly/3Wol9Eq
21/11/22	Inclusion Awards	ABC (Broadcast)	https://ab.co/3Hf6xIh
14/12/22	COVID measures	The Riot Act	https://bit.ly/3whcA3r

2022 in Quick Review

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