

What we do

Our lawyers listen to people with a disability and learn from them, so that we can provide legal advice to them to promote and defend their human rights. It means helping people with disability to get a fair go. It means helping people with a disability to enjoy all the things they are entitled to – all the things a person who doesn't have a disability can access.

Our locations

DRAS Legal services the Adelaide metropolitan area, the Riverland and South-East through offices in Brooklyn Park, Berri and Mount Gambier.

**The rights of our clients are
the core of our service**

DRAS Legal has been established to help people with disability access legal services to enjoy the rights they are entitled to.



DRAS Legal

0438 869 881

DRAS has established a dedicated legal service for people with disability who need legal assistance.



**Safeguarding and promoting the
legal rights and interests of people
with disability.**

DRAS Legal, part of Disability Rights Advocacy Service, is an independent not-for-profit organisation which provides legal advice to people with disability.

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If you wish to speak to us in your own language, telephone the Translating and Interpreting Service on 0438 869 881 and ask the interpreter to telephone DRAS Legal. The interpreting service is free

**WE AIM TO ENSURE
YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS
ARE RESPECTED.**



Disability Legal



DRAS Legal is a not-for-profit organisation providing legal advice to people with disability on a no fee for service basis. This service is means and capacity tested and service is provided on a discretionary case by case basis.



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DRAS Individual Capacity Building Program

The role of the ICB Program is to support and develop the self-advocacy skills and knowledge of people with disability. We do this through working with people with disabilities, their families and carers who support them, by focusing on developing self-advocacy skills and how they can pass that knowledge/skills to others or use it to help others advocate for their rights.

We also work with key stakeholder agencies and organisations that support people with disability to develop self-advocacy and empower them to use that knowledge to assist others with disability. The goal being to create community capacity in the disability and disability support communities and to educate within the community through advocating for equality and rights.

Through DRAS social media platforms, the provision of workshops, information sessions, and Outreach Clinics, resources will be provided to enable and encourage people with disability, their families and carers to self-advocate and promote self-advocacy.

This program is being delivered through Outreach Clinics in the Limestone Coast and in the Riverland and through face-to-face engagement with community groups and stakeholders in those areas and the greater metropolitan Adelaide.

NDIS Appeals



The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is how support is funded for Australians with disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS helps people with disability to:

- access mainstream services and supports
- access community services and supports
- maintain informal support arrangements
- receive reasonable and necessary funded supports, including therapies and equipment

What can we do?

Is your NDIS Plan unsuitable for you?

Has the National Disability Insurance Agency told you that you are not eligible for services to be funded by the NDIS?

Our NDIS Appeals team can help with an application for a review of the decision and can provide ongoing advocacy assistance with appeals to the Administrative Appeal Tribunal (AAT).

Our AAT Fact Sheet will provide you with valuable information about the AAT appeals process.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who has been denied access to the NDIS or who is a current participant and has applied for a plan of supports and is not satisfied with the outcome.

General Advocacy

National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) Individual Advocacy

- ✓ Our individual advocacy program represents people on a one-to-one basis to resolve their individual concerns.
- ✓ Our advocates never take over and make decisions for a person with a disability or decide what's 'best' for them.
- ✓ They will not convince people with a disability that they should 'make do' with less than a person who does not have a disability.
- ✓ They don't pretend problems don't exist and they encourage and support people with a disability to be empowered; to do what they can for themselves.

Other issues our advocates can help with include:

- Education and schooling
- Housing
- Equipment
- Support services
- Access to premises and programs
- Unfair treatment by businesses
- Centrelink matters

Contact us

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Our office locations are:

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