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Membership Information Disclosure and Privacy Statement

By becoming a member of Physical Disability Australia (PDA) you form part of a collective range of individuals and organisations that are united behind the desire to see improvement in the rights and citizenship of people living with a physical disability. It provides an opportunity for your voice to be heard, and to be united with likeminded individuals. The PDA Board (the Board) acts on behalf of the members to provide independent advice on important issues facing people living with a disability. Membership is free to all categories, as our contribution and recognition of the cost of disability.

WHO CAN REGISTER AS A PDA MEMBER?

If you are a person living with disability, you can complete a member with voting eligibility. This allows you to elect the Board of PDA during the annual elections. You are only eligible to vote if you are 18 years and above. People under the age of 18 are still welcome to join the PDA membership and receive information with the permission of a parent or legal guardian.

If you are a person who knows someone living with disability, you are able to become an associate member. Please answer the questions on the registration form as they relate to your knowledge of disability, or from your participation in the disability community. This is a non-voting membership.

To be eligible to become a corporate member, the entity must provide support or services to the physical disability sector. This is a non-voting membership.

WHY DO I HAVE TO IDENTIFY MY INTERESTS OR AREAS I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO?

Whilst we will let members know about how they can get involved in different policy and advocacy work as it occurs, we would like to know upfront firstly if any members are particularly interested in contributing to our policy and advocacy work.

The online registration form requests you identify your interests, experiences and any knowledge of topics related to disability. This is so that your participation can be more closely matched to your particular expertise and interest. There is no obligation to be involved in any form of advocacy. **Your participation is voluntary – you don't have to be involved if you don't want to.**

WILL MY PRIVACY BE RESPECTED?

The PDA Membership database will store your online registration information and it will only be used to distribute information to the members concerning PDA, issues relevant to persons with a disability or a consultation occurs and we request your input. The database is only accessible to PDA staff and will not be distributed to other entities or organisations.

Any general information that does not identify any member can be used as part of policy submissions, publications and other papers that relate to PDA's policy papers and submissions.

All personal information is completely confidential and your privacy will be protected at all times. Other than the above, any information will only be disclosed with your permission or except as required by law. You will not be identified individually in any way as a result of your membership to PDA.

For further information on the privacy of your information, or for any or to help complete this form please phone **(08) 7129 8085** or email **pda@pda.org.au**.