



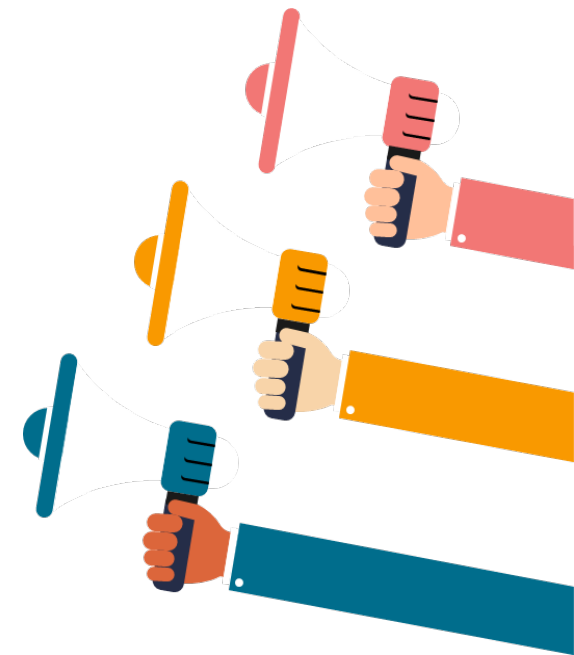
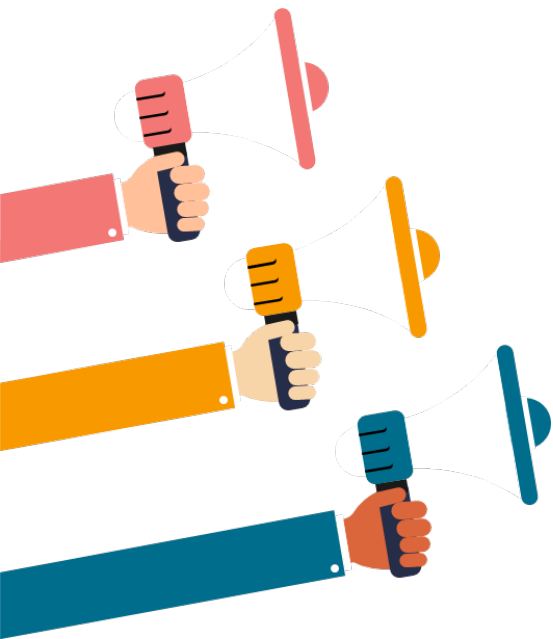
Systemic Advocacy for Change Explained

Who is the Physical Disability Council of NSW? (PDCN)

- The Physical Disability Council of NSW is the systemic advocacy organisation representing people with physical disability across NSW
- We advocate for the interests of the physical disability community across NSW, including rural and regional areas
- We are independent of Government
- Our board of management must be a majority people with physical disability

What is Systemic Advocacy?

working for long-term social change to make sure legislation, policies and practices support the rights and interests of the people we represent



Who Does It Affect?

- Marginalised groups
- People facing exclusion through system failures
- People affected by gaps in policy
- Government and Policy/Decision makers
- Businesses and Corporations



What Do We Do?



- Collect data and stories from members and representative groups
- Advocate to Government and Businesses/Corporations on issues affecting people with physical disability
- Engage with members of the community we represent
- Act as a voice for the rights of people with physical disability in shaping policy

What Can be Achieved



Achievement of human rights through:

- Small and large scale systems change
- Creation and amendment of public policy
- Societal change



Major Achievements

Stand By Me Campaign

- Successfully secured long-term funding for disability advocacy.



Exemptions on Plastic Straw Ban

- Successfully secured exemptions for people with disabilities to continue to use and access plastic straws as part of the NSW ban of single use plastics.



How Do We Do This?

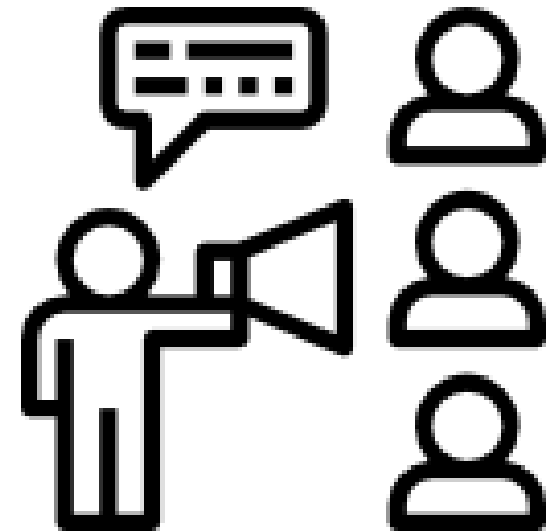
Step 1: Identify the issue

Step 2: Identify who is affected/involved

Step 3: Build your case and gather your evidence

Step 4: Raise awareness

Step 5: Advocate!



Key Project: Taxi Issues

- Our members told us their stories of negative experiences with the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme and Wheelchair Accessible Taxis
- We took action!
- Developed an issues report based on the experiences of people with physical disability
- Working with NSW Taxi Council to address issues



Other Priority Areas

- Housing
- Health
- Transport
- Emergency Preparedness

I'M OK
BE EMERGENCY READY



The Role of MDNSW

- MDNSW is a representative organisation
- Feeds up to PDCN to influence systemic policy



Your Voice Matters!

- We need you so we can do what we do!
- We rely on:
- Your stories
- Your experiences
- Knowing what issues affect you



Get Involved

- Become a PDCN member
- Look out for our consultations and surveys
- Give us a call or email
- Advocate in your local area on issues that matter to you!





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