

# Housing



**People with disability want housing that is safe, secure, affordable, accessible and appropriate for their unique needs, but face a number of barriers including:**

- Lack of housing options outside group homes and forced co-tenancies
- Serious shortage of affordable, accessible, well-located housing
- Lack of alternatives to nursing homes for young people with high support needs
- Cost and difficulty of retro-fitting housing to make it accessible
- Practice of tying housing and support together, making it difficult for people to change providers
- Reluctance of private landlords to rent to people with disability who may require housing modifications
- Lack of co-ordination between housing and other support needs, especially for people with disability with complex needs and/or criminal justice histories
- Lack of advocacy and support to assist in resolving housing issues including the threat of eviction



## **Things that work**

- ✓ Housing and support models that are integrated into mainstream housing and co-ordinate formal and informal supports
- ✓ Creative use of smart technology and equipment to reduce reliance on formal support
- ✓ Advocacy, information and support to help people with disability secure appropriate housing
- ✓ Incentives and regulation to increase the supply of accessible housing



**We will know people with disability are enjoying the right to housing on an equal basis with others when:**

- People with disability have access to individualised and flexible housing and support options that are responsive to their needs and preferences
- There are mandatory requirements and incentives across Australia to ensure all new housing meets a minimum standard of accessibility
- Housing providers, landlords, real estate agents, developers, builders, investors and financial institutions take action to facilitate appropriate, accessible and affordable housing options for people with disability
- People with disability can access advocacy, information and support to make decisions about housing arrangements
- There is planning and co-ordination across government and non-government services to meet housing and support needs

**People with disability can live where they want, with whom they want, with the right support.**

