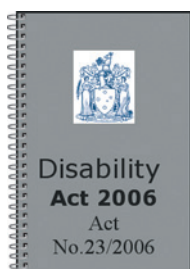


Information Sheet 1

About the *Disability Act 2006*

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What is the *Disability Act 2006*?

From the 1st of July 2007 the *Disability Act 2006* is the new law for people with a disability.

What does the new law mean for you?

The new law will support you to:

- do things in your community, like going out for dinner with your friends
- ask for disability services that you want and need.



This will help you to do the things you want so that you can enjoy your life.

What does the new law say about your rights?

The new law says that you should be:



- treated in a good way



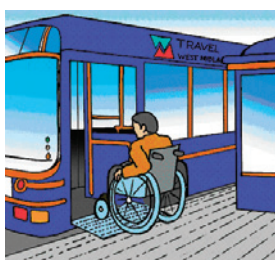
- able to go to places to learn new things, like how to sing



- in charge of making decisions about your life.
You can choose a support person to help you make these decisions if you want.



- given information in a way that you understand
for example, information you get may have pictures and easy to understand words



- able to use services in your community,
like the bus.

What does the new law say about disability service providers?

Disability service providers *must*:



- respect your rights



- provide you with good services.



Disability services providers *should* support you to:

- make choices about what you want to do in your life



- ask for help to make choices, if you want



- do things in your community, like going to the park for lunch with your friends.



Disability services providers *should*:

- know that people with disabilities may need help in different ways
- work with your family and other people who are important to you
- protect your rights.



For more information about the *Disability Act 2006*:



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