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Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA)

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Summary

Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA) is the peak body for women with all types of disabilities in Australia. It is the only organisation of its kind in Australia and one of only a very small number internationally.

WWDA represents more than 2 million disabled women and girls in Australia. The organisation is run by women with disabilities, for women with disabilities, and it operates as a transnational human rights and systemic advocacy organisation.

Details

Previously the 'National Women's Network' associated with Disabled People's International Australia (DPIA), Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA) was established in 1994 after receiving a small seeding grant from the Australian Government. On March 3, 1995, WWDA was incorporated as an independent organisation.

Today, the aim of Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) is to be a national voice for the needs and rights of women with disabilities and a national force to improve the lives and life chances of women with disabilities.

The objectives of Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) are:

- (a) to actively promote the participation of women with disabilities in all aspects of social, economic, political and cultural life;
- (b) to advocate on issues of concern to women with disabilities in Australia; and
- (c) to seek to be the national representative organisation for women with disabilities in Australia by:
 - (i) undertaking systemic advocacy;
 - (ii) providing policy advice;
 - (iii) undertaking research; and
 - (iv) providing information and education.

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