

The Greens (WA) 2017 policy

Disability

The Greens (WA) believe that people with disability:

- whatever the origin, nature, type or degree of disability, are individuals who have an inherent right to respect for their human worth and dignity without discrimination and with equality of opportunity
- have the same human rights as other members of society and should be enabled to exercise those rights
- have the same rights as other members of society to realise their individual capacities for physical, social, emotional, intellectual, cultural and spiritual development
- must be provided with access to services that will support their choices, assist them to be as independent as possible and enable them to participate in all aspects of life
- have the right to an environment free from neglect, abuse, violence, intimidation and exploitation

Aims

The Greens (WA) want:

- recognition that psycho-social conditions and mental health difficulties can also be disabilities
- improved overall quality of life for people with disability, and their protection from deprivation, hardship and poverty
- people with disability to be integrally involved in all levels of decision and policy making, including the planning of services for people with disability
- people with disability to be enabled to participate fully in all aspects of life including education, training and employment
- an end to discriminatory attitudes and practices at all levels

Measures

The Greens (WA) will initiate and support legislation and actions that:

- ensure that there is no disadvantage for Western Australians with a disability, irrespective of funding and delivery models for services¹
- provide programs and services that are flexible and responsive to people's individual needs
- provide equitable support and services for people experiencing psycho-social conditions and mental health difficulties
- ensure adequate physical access throughout the community, including to cultural, sporting and recreational activities (see also The Greens (WA) [Physical Activity](#) policy)
- provide improved flexible accommodation options for people with disability, including accommodation that is age-appropriate

- improve access to education, training and employment through the removal of structural barriers and the provision of flexible support services (see also The Greens (WA) [Education](#) policy)
- recognise, respect and support the important role of carers and families in the lives of many people with disability
- provide accessible means for people with disability and their carers and families to bring complaints, including complaints of discrimination
- ensure appropriate advocacy support is available for people with disability, their carers and families
- address the over representation of people with intellectual or cognitive disability in the criminal justice system and improve the provision of legal services and support to people with disability (see also The Greens (WA) [Justice](#) policy)

(see also the [Australian Greens Disability](#) policy)

Footnote

1. Western Australia has not yet fully implemented the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), opting instead to trial a hybrid of the NDIS and localised measures. The Government of Western Australia must ensure that people with a disability are not disadvantaged in any way by the Western Australian model of service delivery.

Disability policy ratified by The Greens (WA) in 2017