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Rights in Action Inc.

Your Rights in Action

We are part of the Australian network of disability advocacy services, funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Communities, Disability and Community Care Services.

**INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY FOR ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

What is advocacy?

Advocacy is speaking, acting, writing, with or on behalf of a person, to promote, protect and defend her or his welfare and human rights.

Rights in Action supports the person who believes that they have been taken advantage of, or unjustly treated, because of a disability.

Advocacy may include issues related to:

- employment
- housing
- medical
- education and training
- freedom of information
- handling complaints
- access and transport
- discrimination.

Rights in Action

Rights in Action is an independent, community based organisation providing strong advocacy for people with disabilities who live in Cairns, Yarrabah, Mareeba and Atherton.

Advocates are on the side of the person with a disability and will promote the person's rights where necessary. Rights in Action advocates only for the individual, not for the carer, the parent or other interested parties.

Rights in Action provides:

- independent advocacy
- confidentiality
- information and referral to appropriate services
- a free service.

For information or an appointment, please phone 4031 7377. Advocacy is available Monday–Friday 9am–5pm.

