

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO DISABILITY INCLUSION BILL 2024

The Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion has announced its Inquiry into the Disability Inclusion Bill 2024.

The Disability Inclusion Bill 2024 was presented by Ms Suzanne Orr MLA on 8 February 2024. The Bill promotes disability inclusion in the ACT by establishing a requirement for the Government to develop and review a suite of disability strategies to address and remove barriers across a range of priority areas. The Bill and its explanatory statement are available to read on the <u>ACT Legislation Register</u>.

The Committee would like to hear from a range of stakeholders and welcomes submissions to this inquiry by Friday, 22 March 2024.

Information on how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website.

Submissions close on **22 March 2024.**

The committee intends to hold a public hearing in early April and invites expressions of interest from organisations and individuals interested in appearing.

The committee must report back to the Assembly by 9 May 2024.

20 February 2024

STATEMENT ENDS.

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