

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy

COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUPS OF QUEENSLAND (CAGQ) POLICY

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Purpose

The Combined Advocacy Groups of Queensland (CAGQ) is a network consisting of the funded advocacy groups in Queensland and unfunded groups which also have a commitment to the provision of social advocacy for people with disabilities in Queensland.

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy is committed to participating in this network to help develop and safeguard this program.

Participating in the network also helps to expand the knowledge and appreciation of Citizen Advocacy as a highly positive response to the unmet needs of vulnerable people with disabilities.

Policy

1. Attendance at Combined Advocacy Groups of Queensland Events

1. The Management Committee shall appoint a representative of the organisation to be known as Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's CAGQ representative to be involved in as many CAGQ events as possible (within time and resource constraints) e.g. teleconferences, meetings, seminars, gatherings and other events.
2. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's CAGQ representative shall contribute to CAGQ policy and strategic direction, seeking at all times to ensure that CAGQ's initiatives and actions are in harmony with Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's policy framework.
3. The Management Committee may at any time decide NOT to participate in CAGQ or any of its activities or initiatives.

2. Cost of Participating

1. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's CAGQ representative shall be financially assisted with costs to perform this role e.g. attendance at gatherings, conferences, etc. but shall seek to minimise their costs.

2. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy shall ensure that its representation on CAGQ is budgeted for each year – including the costs of hosting at least one teleconference each year, attendance at CAGQ gatherings, meetings, delegations etc.
3. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy will consider other contributions to CAGQ initiatives or actions which might be proposed from time to time.

3. Actions of Combined Advocacy Groups of Queensland to be Ratified

1. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's CAGQ representative is authorised to give in principle agreement to CAGQ activities, initiatives or documents which appear to be in line with our program's policy and strategic direction, but such in principle agreement must be ratified by the Management Committee.
2. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy reserves its right to endorse or not to endorse any CAGQ activity or document, and such decision will be made by the Management Committee of Capricorn Citizen Advocacy.
3. Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's CAGQ representative shall provide copies of all CAGQ documentation to the Management Committee from time to time, and shall report at each Management Committee meeting on the current activities of CAGQ.

Related Documents

3.3.1 *Citizen Advocacy Network Policy*

References

Combined Advocacy Groups of Queensland (CAGQ); position paper: 'Advocacy in Queensland'. 1997

Ratification

This policy was adopted by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's Management Committee at its meeting held on 25 / 08 / 2020.

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