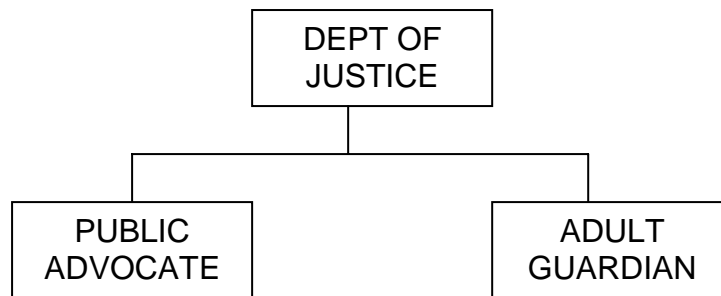


SAVE OUR PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Did you know the Office of the Public Advocate is under threat?

Currently the Adult Guardian is under the Department of Justice and is Independent..



The Office of the Public Advocate does Systems Advocacy by Promoting and protecting the rights and interests of adults with impaired decision-making capacity. People with impaired capacity are a significant portion of the population and each one of us is a potential member of this group. One in five people will experience impaired capacity.

The ultimate aim of the advocacy undertaken by the Public Advocate is to effect real improvements in the day-to-day lives of vulnerable adults with impaired decision-making capacity.

THE QLD GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO GO THE WAY OF OTHER STATES AND PLACE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE UNDER THE ADULT GUARDIAN. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The Office of the Public Advocate will not be independent and so the risk is that the work they do will not be effective. The Adult Guardian should not drive the systems work.

There will be a **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** particularly if and when the Public Advocate investigates the Adult Guardian which has happened in the past.

The question is also - **WILL THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON SYSTEMS WITH BEING UNDER THE ADULT GUARDIAN?**

WILL YOU HELP SAVE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

You can read the submission the Public Advocate has written and write a letter. It is found on the Premiers WEBSITE - <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/Government/Boards%5Fand%5Fcommittees/Review>

LETTERS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE -

Your local member

THE PREMIER -

Premier of Queensland
Hon. Anna Bligh,
C/- Parliament House,
Cnr. Alice and George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

THE DSQ MINISTER –

Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk
Minister for Disability Services and
Multicultural Affairs
C/- Disability Services Queensland
PO Box 33
Albert Street
Brisbane Q 4002

THE QLD ATTORNEY GENERAL –

Hon Cameron Dick MP, Attorney-
General and Minister for Industrial
Relations
GPO Box 149
Brisbane QLD 4001

WHAT TO WRITE?

Attached is a pro forma letter which will give you an idea of how to write.

REMEMBER SYSTEMS ADVOCACY TAKES A COMBINED EFFORT –

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
THANKS FOR JUMPING ON THE BAND
WAGON.**