

Past Activity

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| Name of Division/Office | Classification, Human Rights and Copyright Division |
| Title | Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) |
| Description of issue | <p>On 30 March 2007, Australia signed the Convention when it opened for signature in New York. On 17 July 2008, Australia ratified the Conventions.</p> <p>For the purposes of considering ratification, a review of Commonwealth, State and Territory legislation was undertaken to ensure that Australia is in a position to comply with the articles of the Convention. The review was conducted in collaboration with the States and Territories.</p> <p>A National Interest Analysis was prepared in consultation with States, Territories and sector stakeholders. It was tabled in the Parliament on 4 June 2008 and subsequently considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties. Both the NIA and the Committee recommended that Australia ratify the Convention. The NIA found that Australia substantially complies with the obligations under the Convention and that no legislative amendments were required prior to ratification.</p> |
| Date of effect | The Convention came into force in relation to Australia on 16 August 2008. |
| Consultation Opportunities | Nationwide consultations with States, Territories and sector stakeholders were jointly conducted by AGD and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. |
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