

Public not consulted on Disability Discrimination Act

The Disability Discrimination Act was passed in Parliament without consultation of the citizens of Australia.

Curtain (2003) says 'a legal requirement for governments to consult those affected by new legislation, however, is likely to mean little if this is not backed by government policy which takes the consultation process seriously. The consultation needs to not only inform citizens in advance of decisions taken but also to spell out clearly their objectives in seeking citizen input and how it will be used'

Curtain (2003) goes on to say 'I believe that opportunities are largely missing in Australia for citizens to engage in policy making process at the level of national issues'

Governments have come and gone but the people with disability continue to suffer because of no consultation.

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