

# The NDIS Independent Advisory Council and the IDRAG



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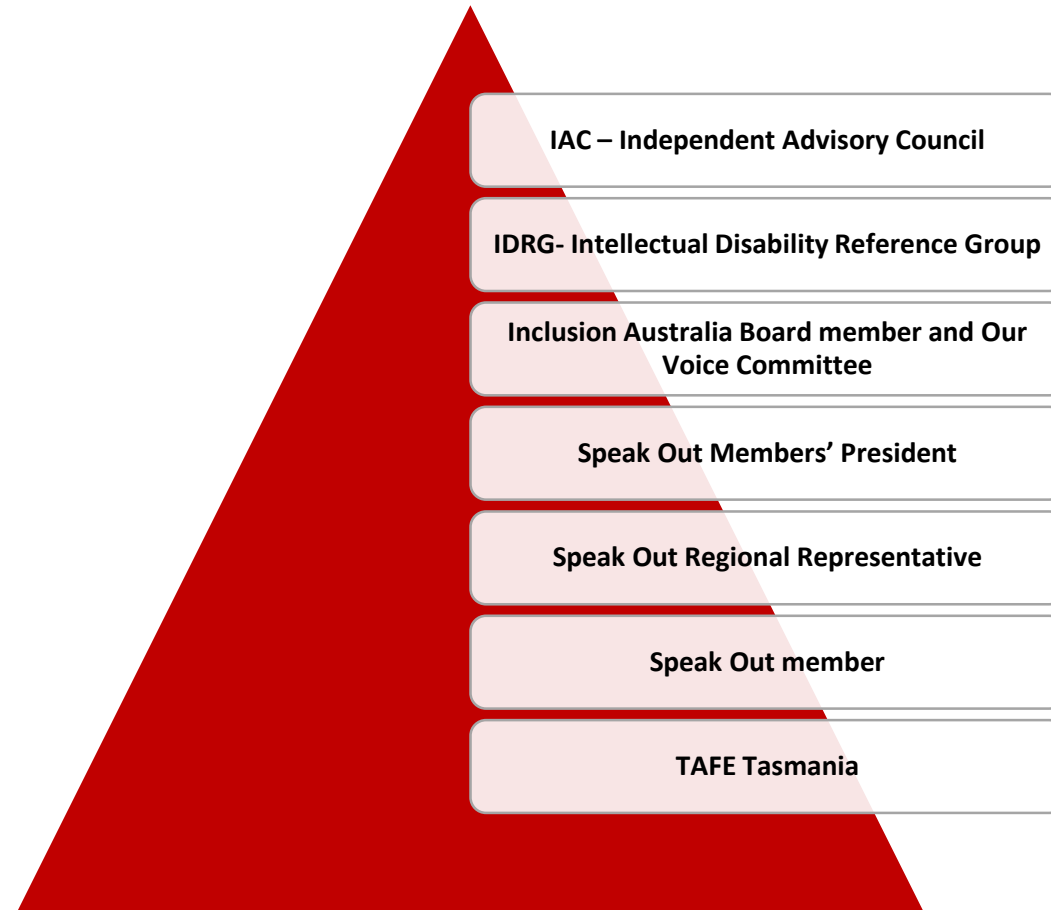
- Make sure the voices of people with ID are heard more clearly by the NDIS

# Independent Advisory Council - IAC



- Last December I was nominated to the Independent Advisory Council
- I felt very proud but couldn't tell anyone
- The Council of Australian Governments Disability Reform Council had to support the nomination
- It took a long time!
- In July I found out I'd been successful
- I'm so proud to say I am the only person with an intellectual disability on the IAC

# My pathway to the Independent Advisory Council



# What I learned that helps me now

- Speak Out Member



- Friendship
- Confident to talk to people about my own stuff
- Feel valued
- Learnt meeting rules and speaking in front of others
- Learnt about Rights
- Taking part in consultations

# What I learned that helps me now

- Speak Out Regional Rep



- Running meetings
- Representing others
- Speaking to groups
- Talking to politicians in forums

# What I learned that helps me now

- Members' President



- Representing all members
- Speak Out Board member
- Premier's Disability Advisory Council
- Inclusion Australia Our Voice Committee
- Travelled to Berlin for the Inclusion International Conference
- Lobbying politicians in delegations for increased funding and the NDIS

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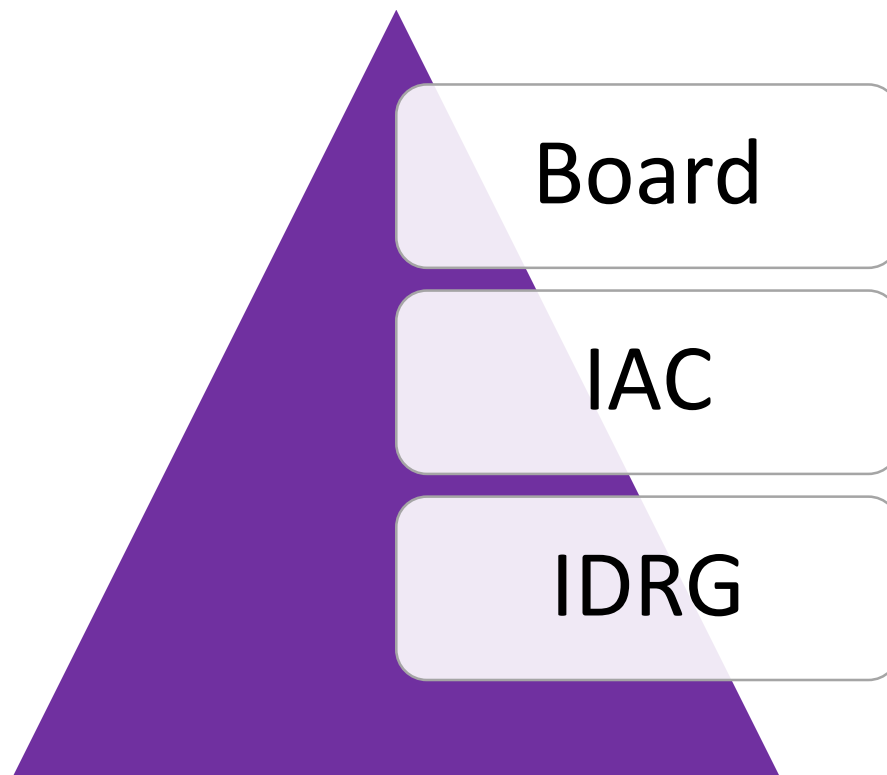
- Peer Mentor – Speak Out Employee



- Led a delegation of self advocates to Parliament House on importance of advocacy and self advocacy
- Part of Australia's expert group to the UN in Geneva (first Australian with ID) to report on Australia's progress
- ID Reference Group Member  
Independent Advisory Council Member (NDIA)
- Assist to run consultations with peers
- Attended Inclusion International Conference in Orlando - peer support to other member delegate
- Awarded Individual Human Rights Award



# The NDIS is led by a Board



# Topics we have discussed



- The definition of intellectual disability
- Planning and implementing support when people don't have informal support from family and friends
- Parents who have intellectual disability
- People with complex behaviour
- Large residential centres



Board

IAC

IDRG

# So, what now? My goals...



- To work well with the IDRG and the IAC
- Give good advice to the Board
- Be brave and say what I think – even when other people don't like it
- To talk more about these roles so people understand how we can help the NDIS Board
- To have more people with intellectual disability on the Independent Advisory Council!

# And for people to remember that...

- Good support helps grow strong self advocates
- We need to speak up and say when we don't understand, or the Board papers are hard to read
- We have a right to be included
- People with intellectual disability should get and expect, high quality support.