



## Key Messaging

### About Youngcare:

- Youngcare is a not-for-profit that is advocating for a more inclusive Australia by creating choice, independence, and dignity for young people with complex physical disabilities.
- With your help, Youngcare advocates for equality for young people with complex physical disabilities, provides much-needed grants, designs, and builds quality, specialist disability accommodation and supports people to navigate the disability sector.
- Young people with complex physical disabilities have the right to feel equal, embraced and included in their communities.

### The Issue:

- Young Australians with complex physical disabilities are being left behind in institutions and other inappropriate housing that is not suitable for their age or care needs. (Inappropriate housing include places like; hospital rooms, rehabilitation centres, aged care, at home with ageing parents or in remote locations with limited access).
- Young Australians with complex physical disabilities experience inequality, exclusion, and social isolation through limited access to their communities and lack of representation.

## Useful Statistics

### Youngcare:

- Youngcare Connect has held over 64,232 conversations with people seeking disability related information and advice, since 2011.
- Youngcare supporters have funded over \$11million in grants, assisting 1,808 people with disabilities and the loved ones who care for them.
- Specialist Disability Accommodation across 8 locations (Albany Creek, Woolloowin, North Lakes, Townsville, Chermside, Rothwell, Pelican Waters, Helensvale). Plus 5 new builds in the works!

### Disability:

- 4.4 million Australians live with a disability, 2.5 million are aged under 65.
- 5.8% of the entire Australian population have severe or profound limitations. This is 32% (1 in 3) of all people with disability.
- Adults with a severe or profound disability, are 12 times more likely to experience a very high level of psychological distress than people without disability.
- 1 in 6 people with disability experience social isolation, compared with 1 in 12 people without disability.
- 44% of complaints received by the Australian Human Rights Commission are about disability discrimination.
- 47% of adults with a disability have experienced violence since the age of 15.

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