*Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Disability Inclusion Bill. Currently, carers’ perspectives are often not present, despite their playing a critical role in supporting people with disability across this state.*

*As a carer with experience supporting a person with a disability, I believe the* Disability Inclusion Act *will be stronger and will better reflect the needs of people with a disability and their carers by including the following:*

1. *A process for the development of the State Disability Plan and those of defined entities to include people with lived experience of caring for people with disability and establish goals and priorities for carers,*
2. *At least one place on the Victorian Disability Advisory Council to be reserved for a person with lived experience of caring for a person with disability, and*
3. *The definition of co-design to make reference to carers.*

*Thank you.*