

Audit of Disability Research in Australia

Findings:

- The current disability research base is not ‘fit for purpose’
- There are significant challenges in accessing disability research in Australia – “invisible” and lack of free access.
- Research is primarily stand-alone, one-off studies in topics of researcher or organisational interest.
- Encouraging signs of uptake of study designs using secondary analysis of population data and administrative datasets.
- High proportion of research focused on attitudes, knowledge and perspective – describing the ‘problem’ and ‘burden’.

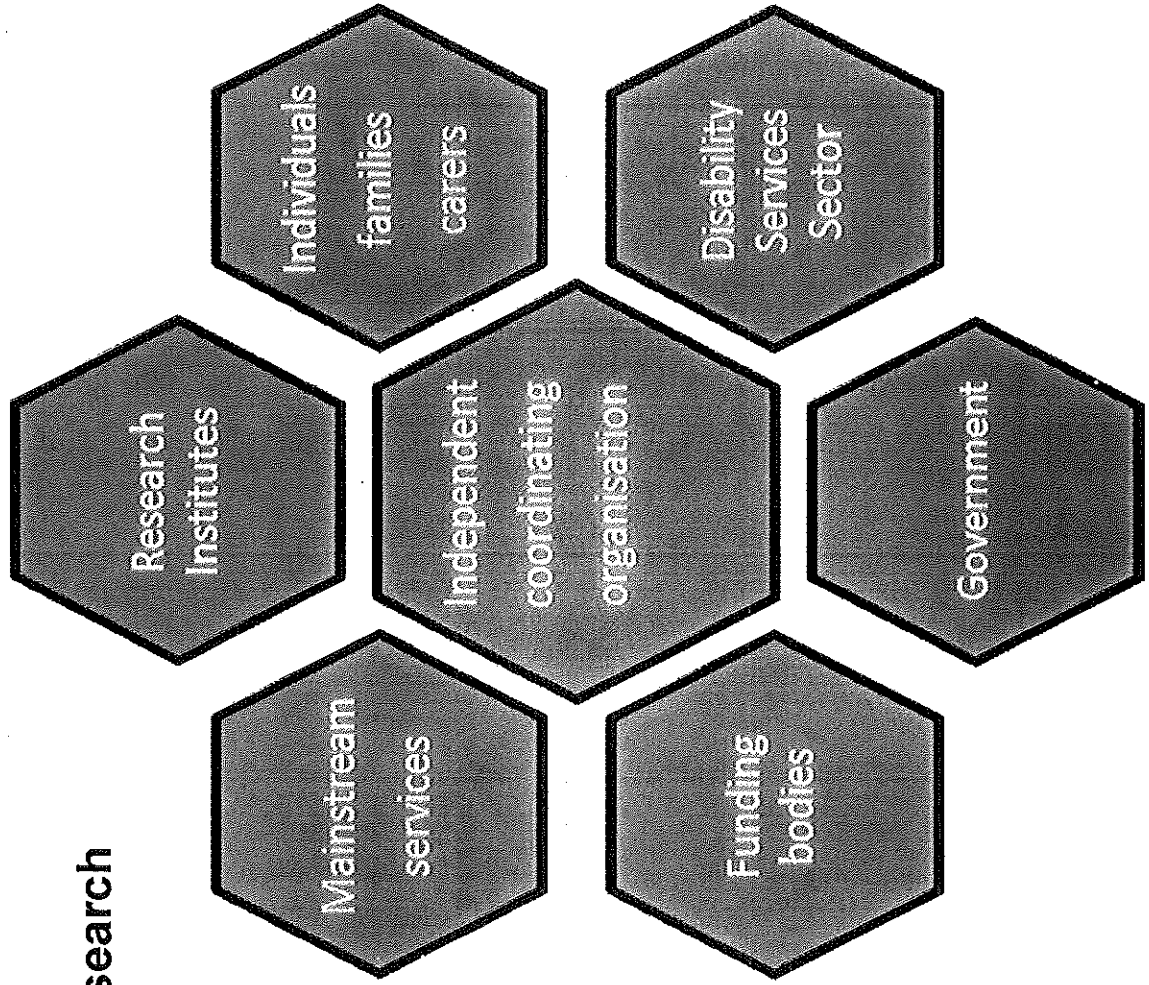


National Research Priorities:

- Inclusive and accessible communities;
- Rights, protection, justice and legislation;
- Economic security;
- Personal and community support;
- Learning and skills; and
- Health and Wellbeing.



WA disability research network



Disability Research Network - Purpose

- Support and facilitate disability research and evaluation
- Support and facilitate translation of research evidence into policy and practice within the disability sector and other human service organisations more broadly; and
- Build capacity within WA for collaborative approaches to applied disability research and evaluation.