



There is a huge demand for services for Aboriginal people in NSW and there are few ACCO disability service providers, leaving Aboriginal people with few choices available to them that are culturally inclusive.

This means that there is a substantial market awaiting ACCO's who consider becoming disability service providers. Some organisations might experience a loss of demand for support as their clients are assisted by the scheme and whether ACCO's will embrace the opportunity to operate in a market environment.

If ACCO's decide to provide disability services, they will be playing a big part in delivering employment opportunities to Aboriginal people.



## What is the AbSec Aboriginal Disability Sector Development Project?

We are entering a new market in service provision for people with a disability and the organisations that support them. This market will be one that provides choice, flexibility and decision-making power to the individual. This will throw up many challenges to the way many Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO's) currently work.

For this challenge to be met, we need Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to change the way they provide services.

We need organisations that may never have considered being a disability service provider to think about building upon what they currently do and to embrace and support the opportunity that the National Disability Insurance Scheme will bring to Aboriginal people.

### For further information please contact

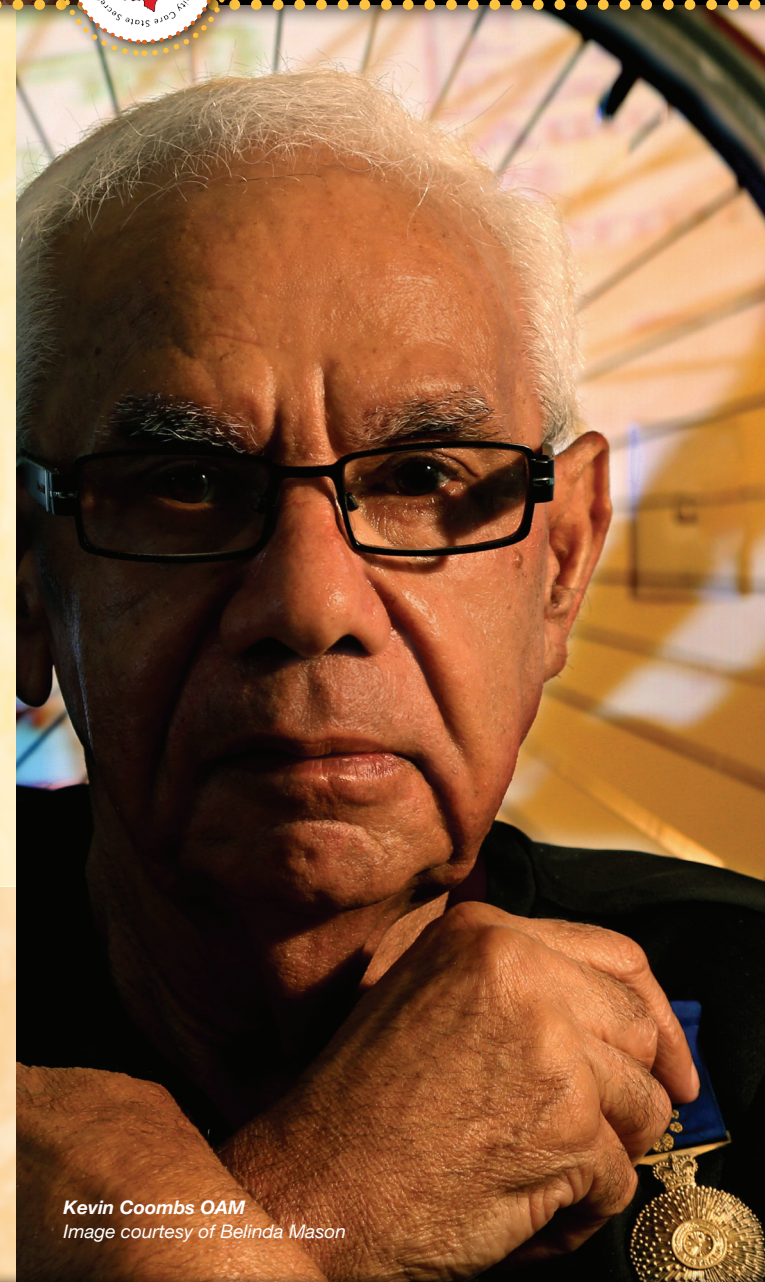
The AbSec Disability Sector Development Team  
21 Carrington Rd, Marrickville NSW 2204  
PO Box 604, Marrickville NSW 1475

**Phone** 02 9559 5299

**Fax** 02 9559 1669

**Email** [reception@absec.org.au](mailto:reception@absec.org.au)

**www.absec.org.au**



*Kevin Coombs OAM  
Image courtesy of Belinda Mason*



## Our role

AbSec aims to work with interested Aboriginal community controlled organisations to become ready to provide supports for Aboriginal people with disability and their families.

### This includes

- Supporting capacity building work Identifying where gaps need to be addressed to meet standards for providing disability supports.
- Embedding a new way of thinking for organisations that aims to meet needs, rather than providing a standard service.

We understand this is a big job. AbSec is about supporting organisations through the capacitybuilding process to become strong providers of disability supports to Aboriginal communities.

### We will do this by

- Forming a partnership approach with interested organisations Identifying gaps in meeting disability standards.
- Developing and supporting ideas for improvements
- Assessing all effort to build capacity at the end.

## Aboriginal Disability Sector Development Project

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec) has been funded by the NSW Government to develop an Aboriginal disability sector across NSW.

The project is focused on Aboriginal community controlled organisations to build their capabilities in supporting Aboriginal people with disability, their families and carers. The Aboriginal disability sector development project aims to:

- Support Aboriginal community controlled organisations to support Aboriginal people with disability in their community
- Build the capacity of an Aboriginal sector to meet the needs of Aboriginal people with disability across NSW
- Have an Aboriginal sector that is able to deliver in an individualised and person centred way.



Aunty Lesley and Penny  
Image courtesy of Belinda Mason



## Your Role

As an Aboriginal community controlled organisation that isn't delivering disability supports, your role is about being committed to and interested in wanting to provide supports to Aboriginal people with disability and their families and carers.

### This means

- Partnering with AbSec to participate in the project.
- Utilising AbSec's supports to review your organisation and identify areas where improvements can be made.
- Reshaping your organisation, with AbSec support to meet standards.
- Undergoing a final assessment of your organisation.

At the conclusion of your participation in the project, AbSec will be able to formally advise your organisation on its capability in delivering disability supports.