

## Project Summary



“We Need to Talk”  
Project

This document is about the “**We Need to Talk**” research project.

It tells you about the **Project**.



Researchers from the University of Queensland are doing this project.

These organisations are helping with the project:

- Down Syndrome Australia
- Queenslanders with a Disability Network (QDN)
- Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability (VALID)



## About the “We Need to Talk” project



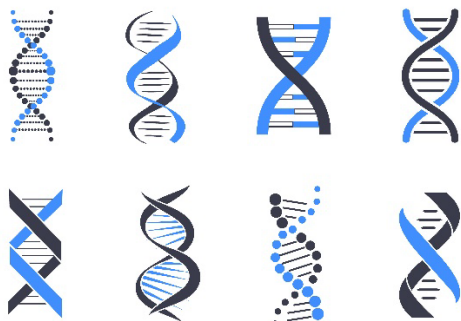
This project is about genetics and people with a disability.



Genetics is about how genes are passed from parents to children.



A person’s body is made of lots of cells.



All people have genes in their body.



Genes have information that decide:

- The way we look.
- If we might have health problems.
- If we might have a disability.



There are tests that help us to understand a person's genes.

These tests are called genetics tests.



A person's blood or saliva is tested.



Some genes can cause a person to have a disability.



Genetic tests can tell us if a person has genes that cause disability.



People of **any age** can have a genetic test, even unborn babies.

## What are we going to do?



We want to ask different people if they think that genetics tests can be helpful or not.



We will ask people with disability what they think.



We will also ask support people like parents, doctors, and teachers.



We will also ask the people who do the **genetic tests**.



People can choose **how** they want to tell us about their ideas.



People can fill out an **online survey** or come to a **meeting** to speak about their opinions.



We will provide **help** to anyone who needs support to talk to us.

## How will we help people with a disability?



With the help of people with a disability, we want to make fact sheets about genetic tests.



A fact sheet gives people key information about a topic.



We will create the fact sheets by June 2023

## I have questions. Who can I contact?



Karen Nankervis can answer any questions.



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