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| Dear Members,Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. is pleased to inform members that we have received funding for a joint DAV and Federation University research project, investigating the experiences of people with complex communication needs who have interacted with the justice system.  The University would like to hear from DAV members who are willing to assist with recruiting participants for the project, and has provided the following background information and contact details:***Advocacy Agencies to Assist with Recruiting****A research project undertaken by FedUni with coordination and support by DAV, is seeking input from disability advocacy agencies who may be interested in receiving further information about this project.The aim of this project is to document the experiences of people with complex communication needs who have interacted with the civil or criminal justice system, so that justice agencies can better understand how to respond effectively to this group. For the purposes of this research, complex communication needs are defined as: ‘complex communication means someone who (regardless of the disability types) requires assistance (person or device) to comprehend and or communicate information’.**Contact Dr Marg Camilleri on 5327 6947 or m.camilleri@federation.edu.au if you would like further information.* **Submissions in 2016**Submissions made on behalf of Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.  membership in 2016 can be viewed on our website at [http://www.disabilityadvocacyvic.org.au](http://www.disabilityadvocacyvic.org.au/publications/newsletter-142357127).  We thank members for their feedback and support.  Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. submissions for 2016 include the following: * DAV submission to the Family and Community Development Committee - Inquiry into Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
* DAV and VCOSS submission – Review of the National Disability Advocacy Program;
* DAV submission to the Productivity Commission – Human Services Identifying Sectors for Reform;
* Joint submission – Parliamentary Inquiry into Ride Sharing;
* Submission to the Commission for Children and Young People - Inquiry into the Implementation of the Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Permanent Care and other matters) Act 2014 (Vic.)

 **Meeting Dates for 2017** General Meetings in 2017 will be held at 1pm on Thursday 16th March, Thursday 15th June, and Thursday 21st September.  Members are welcome to attend.  Our AGM will be held on Thursday 19th October 2017.  ***The Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. Board would like to thank all members for their participation and support in 2016.  We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  We look forward to working with you in 2017.***  |

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