



# Women's Health Victoria

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**Victorian  
Women With  
Disabilities Network**

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## **FUNDHOLDER TRANSFER FROM WHV TO VWDN**

In 2003-4 WHV identified women with disabilities as one of the priority groups to work with. VWDN and WHV entered into talks which led to the very successful partnership agreement which has framed our work together since 2005. The partnership is a mutually beneficial relationship which assists the organisations to jointly progress an advocacy agenda on issues critical to women's health and for women with disabilities.

Many areas of work have emerged since 2005, including the development of an advocacy information service with DHS recurrent funding. For this work WHV took on the responsibility of fund holder whilst significant organisational development within VWDN was undertaken.

At 1st July 2009 VWDN will take over fund holder responsibility and be wholly accountable for the funds and delivery of the service whilst remaining co-located with WHV.

This goal has been achieved after 6 years of complex work by many people. It is a unique example of collaborating to create sustainable ways and means for the voices of marginalised women to be heard on issues of importance to their health and human rights

WHV celebrates all of these developments. Being part of advocating for women's health and raising the issue of women with disabilities to greater visibility has been rewarding, and we look forward to future developments in the partnership.

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