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DISABILITY & REGIONAL DISPARITY

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Global Disability Disparity & Regionality

Majority of persons with disability live in non-urban areas

Significantly poorer and reside in lowest income households

Minimal access to health, education, and necessary services (affordability, accessibility, socio-cultural stigma)

Gender, age, ethnicity, class, religion



Disability & Regional Disparity

- More than 22% of the Australian population living outside of large cities have a disability
- Majority of these people are from low income households & some of the poorest households in Australia
- Rarely do they have an opportunity to find long term employment
- Often, health conditions become worse as they do not have ready access to health services & develop secondary conditions
- Inaccessible & infrequent public transport, affordability of housing, lack of professional education & training, etc



Disability: Opportunity for Cohesive Regional Development



OCED Report, December 2016, Accessible Public Infrastructure:

- Increases labour market participation of direct group and broader community
- Increases competitiveness of local area and connected areas as greater infrastructure to support investment and growth (and better access to human capital)
- Increases social and emotional wellbeing as it increases the capabilities of previously excluded populations

Disability & Social Investment

**Better investment for disability inclusion =
better outcomes for everyone**

- generates economic activity (job creation, pwd can work, carers can work)
- brings in health professionals, public services (education, hospitals and allied health, etc) & social infrastructure (housing, public transport, recreation / leisure, etc)
- central cash transfers to disability supports & households results in growth and development in local economies through local household spending

