



Statement from Deaf Victoria to Facebook re: closing down community and disability services Facebook pages.

To Facebook,

Deaf Victoria Inc. is the peak advocacy body representing deaf and hard of hearing Victorians. We provide advocacy services that support the Deaf Community when they experience discrimination or lack of inclusion or access. We are funded by the State Government of Victoria under the Department of Families Fairness and Housing and the Office for Disability.

We are NOT a news outlet, broadcaster, or information agency. We are an essential community and disability not-for-profit service who provides access in Auslan (Australian Sign Language) for a cultural and linguistic minority who do not have access to mainstream media in their language.

Please do not close our page as has been done for other not-for-profit organisations in the Deaf Community such as: Expression Australia (Victorian and Tasmanian Deaf Society), Expression Audiology, Deaf Services, DeafCanDo, and Deaf Sports Australia.

We have major concerns for the Deaf Community at this time as their access to information in Auslan is already sparse. Please do not further contribute to the discrimination, exclusion, and isolation our community already faces and place them at risk. Please reinstate the pages of other deaf and disability organisations who have been unfairly targeted in this action.

For further information, please contact us at: info@deafvictoria.org.au

Regards,
Deaf Victoria.