Chair, Empower Autism

Title: Chair (Autistic Co-Chair). This position is reserved for an Autistic person¹.

Location: Brisbane. Applicant must reside in Queensland.

Remuneration: \$25,000 per year.

Requirements: Two days per month (approximate).

Reports to: Members of Empower Autism.

About Us

Empower Autism is a not-for-profit organisation where Autistic people live empowered, connected, and authentic lives. Autistic voices are central to our vision, and Autistic people lead across all levels of the organisation. Our unique governance model pairs an Autistic Co-Chair with an Ally Co-Chair, fostering balanced, strengths-based governance, embedded in mutual respect and equity.

Opportunity

Empower Autism seeks an Autistic leader to join our board as Chair. The Chair will be an Autistic voice, representing Autistic people, in alignment with Empower Autism's <u>Strategic Framework</u>, <u>Theory of Change</u> and the <u>United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</u>. The Autistic Chair role is a transformative opportunity to make a tangible difference, to champion systemic change, and to lead the governance of Empower Autism.

Support

We have a collaborative, inclusive board with <u>Autistic and Ally Directors</u>. The role comes with support for professional development, training, mentoring, and conference attendance in alignment organisational needs. The Chair would receive organisational and logistical support.

Responsibilities

Lead our board, ensuring governance alignment with Autistic needs and interests.

Create inclusive spaces in governance that nurture emerging Autistic voices.

Engage with Autistic people including customers, volunteers, employees, directors' and members.

Communicate with Autistic and autism communities, peak bodies, governments and interest groups.

Represent Empower Autism in the media, at conferences, consultations and events.

How to Apply

Please tell us in two pages or less:

- 1. How your experience, qualifications and skills equip you for the position of Chair; and
- 2. How you would meet the responsibilities of Lead, Create, Engage, Communicate and Represent.

Please also include a copy your CV. Applications to Casey Archbald, casey@empowerautism.org.au by 5pm, Monday 27th October 2025.

¹ Under section 105 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), equal opportunity measures are permitted where they aim to promote equity for people with a protected attribute.