



Neurological Alliance Queensland (NAQ) Fact Sheet

- NAQ **members** include MS Queensland, Epilepsy Queensland, MND Queensland, Dementia Australia, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland, ME/CFS & FM Australia, SCN2A Australia, Parkinson's Queensland and Huntington's Australia, with the alliance launching in 2026 following the *2025 Neuro Matters Report*.
- NAQ's **goal** is to bring together collective voices, advocate for better outcomes for the 1.3 million Queenslanders living with neurological conditions, and drive positive change.
- NAQ's **role** will be to advocate for clarity of pathways, adequate support mechanisms, research into treatments and cures, and awareness of the urgent need to address the rising neurological condition burden of care.

Neurological conditions facts

- There are 600+ neurological conditions and these include MS, epilepsy, MND, dementia, muscular dystrophy, Huntington's, Parkinson's, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) / chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), fibromyalgia (FM), SCN2A, stroke and many more.
- 1 in 4 Queenslanders live with a neurological condition.
- Prevalence of neurological conditions is rising at an alarming rate—4 times the rate of cancer, twice as high as mental health and musculoskeletal disorders.
- Neurological conditions are the leading cause of death in Australia.
- Only 6% of the 1.3 million Queenslanders who live with a neurological condition receive vital support, the others fall between the gaps of the NDIS and the Aged Care systems.
- Neurological conditions cost Queensland an estimated \$24 billion annually—a staggering financial toll that has increased by 86% over the last 20 years.

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