



**The Hopkins Centre**

Research for Rehabilitation and Resilience

**Bold ideas. Better solutions.**

**The Dignity Project: Before, During and After (?) COVID-19**

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# Dignity Project: Background



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## Vision: before COVID-19

- **Research team with embedded citizen researchers with lived experience of disability**
- **Created Values and Commitment Statement**  
<https://www.hopkinscentre.edu.au/valuesandcommitmentstatement>
- **Designed and launched the Community Hub and first pilot survey**

# Uncover: during COVID-19

- **Physical and mental health benefits of dignity**
- **Consequences of loss of dignity and undignified treatment**
- “Genuine acknowledgement of existence, who I am, respect for my privacy, my nuisances”
- “Treated as less of a person, less worthy, less valid, less visible, annoyed, frustrated, sad, angry, no rights, no voice.”
- **Acknowledgement and employment**





## Discuss: during COVID-19

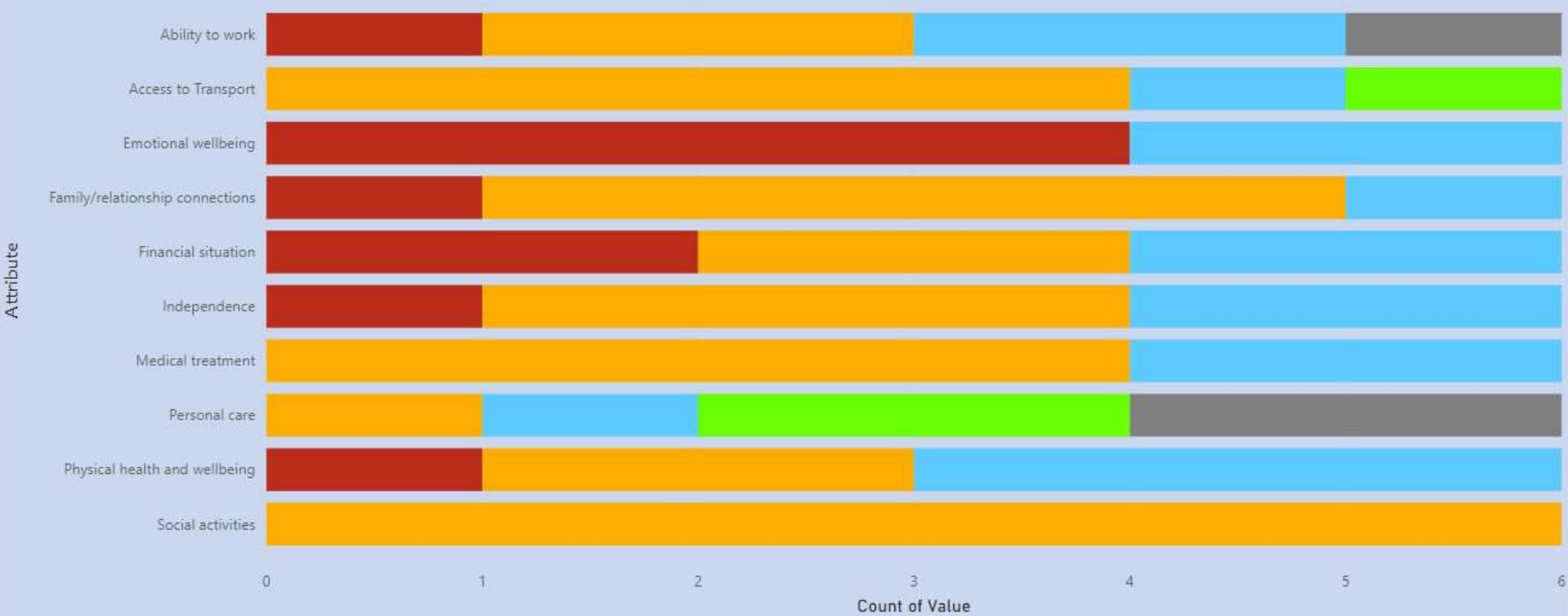
- **Intersection of dignity and COVID-19**
- **Need for citizen level data**
- **Community Hub forums and feedback**
- **Design and launch of COVID-19 Impact survey**



Status Change Result: All  
 Employment Status: Casually employed  
 Disability ID: All  
 Age: All  
 Gender: All  
 Impairment Type: All



### Negative COVID-19 Impact







# Re-imagine after(?) COVID-19

- COVID-19 is not going away nor are the global realities caused by the pandemic
- Emphasis on the importance of citizen science and citizen data

