

## **Governance Structure**

For the first 6 years of its existence Families ACT was supported by a management committee. Owing to a very limited budget the organisation was unable to employ sufficient resources to undertake comprehensive project, policy and advocacy work and the Committee had to assume responsibilities for operational matters. With a significant increase in government funding in 2011, Families ACT was able to employ an Executive Officer who assumed responsibility for the operational requirements of running the organization.

In 2012 Families ACT moved to a two-tiered management structure comprising a skill-based board and an Advisory Council. The Board consists of individuals with specialist skills (e.g. regulatory, planning, finance, research, marketing, communications, governance, legal) who are responsible for the strategic and fiscal management of Families ACT. Representation of members' interests is guaranteed through the input of an Advisory Council. This group provides advice to the Board on a range of issues affecting the sector.