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Justice Matters



What is the issue?

Sometimes people with cognitive disability are at risk with the **law**.

Law means rules that everyone has to follow.



Cognitive disability means someone with

- an intellectual disability
- a brain injury
- someone who might have trouble learning or remembering new things



Justice Advocacy Service

JAS means Justice Advocacy Service.

JAS is important because they provide legal support to people with cognitive impairment who need help with the law.



JAS can support people

- with the police
- with court
- if you are involved in a crime
- if you are a witness

Witness is a person who saw what happened.



Funding of JAS stops in June.

We want the NSW government to keep funding JAS.



Diversion programme to keep people out of jail

Last year the NSW Government stopped giving money to the **CIDP**.

CIDP means Cognitive Impairment Diversion Program.



CIDP is very important because it helps people with cognitive disability to

- Stay out of prison
- Get the support they need
- Help support people after they get into trouble with the law

We need a new programme like CIDP and JAS in NSW.



To continue JAS and the CIDP we need to ask Mark Speakman to fund the programs.

Fund means to give money to something.



Mark Speakman is the **Attorney General** who will make the decision to fund the program.

Attorney General is an important politician.

We want Mark Speakman to know that we want these programs to continue across NSW.



Contact the NSW Attorney General

You can email or call the NSW Attorney General here

- (02) 8574 6390
- you can use this link to send the email cronulla@parliament.nsw.gov.au



Make sure you

- put your name and address
- say that you want a new program like the CIDP and JAS program



What you could say

I am not happy that the NSW Government cut funding to the CIDP and JAS.



This was a good program which helped people with cognitive disability

- 1. stay out of prison
- **2.** get support
- 3. move on with their lives in a good way



It also helped people get funding and supports to

- live a better life
- live a healthier life
- live a safer life



I want a program for people with cognitive disability funded.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.



We would love to know how you go.

Please send us the response you receive from the Attorney General.

Send to advocacy@cid.org.au



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