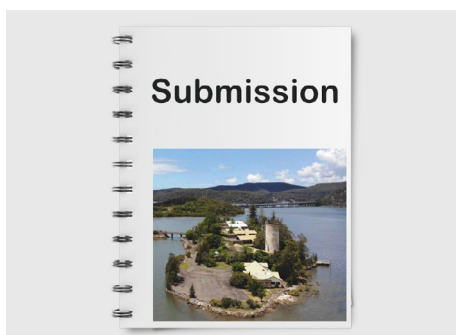


Submission about Peat Island

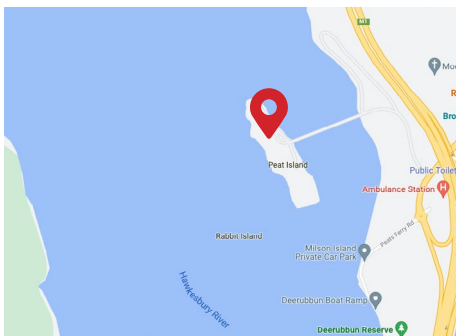


This is a submission about Peat Island.

A **submission** tells the government what should happen to a place or project.



Peat Island is a place where people with disability had to live for many years.

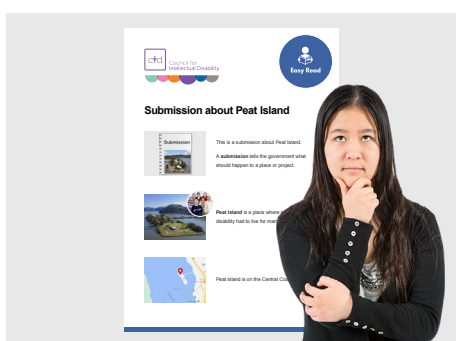


Peat Island is on the Central Coast in NSW.



The NSW government has a plan for what should happen to Peat Island.

The plan has big changes.

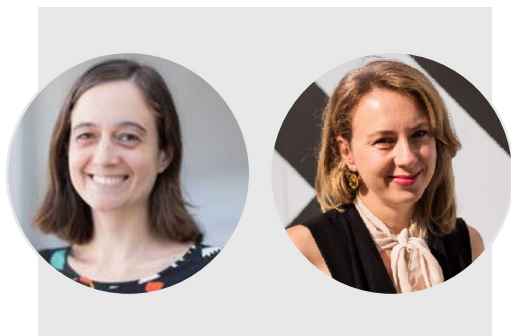


This submission says what the Council for Intellectual Disability thinks about the plan.

CID for short.



CID is a disability rights organisation led by people with disability.



Dr Linda Steele and Dr Philippa Carnemolla wrote the submission for CID.

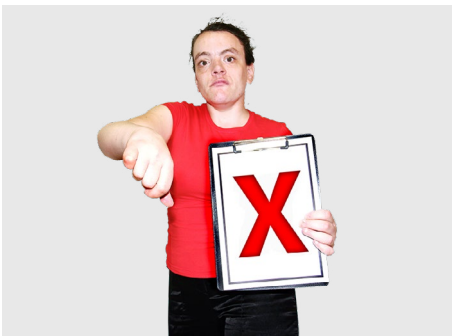
CID is against the plan



CID is against the NSW government plan for Peat Island.



The plan wants to make Peat Island a place for tourists.



We do not think this is ok.



Some people who lived on Peat Island were abused.



Some people had to do work without pay.



Some people did not get enough care.



People who lived on Peat Island were strong.

They made it their home.

And made friends.



For 99 years the NSW government sent people with disability to Peat Island.



But now the government does not want to talk about happened on Peat Island.



This is like saying what happened on Peat Island does not matter.



And that the people who lived on Peat Island do not matter.



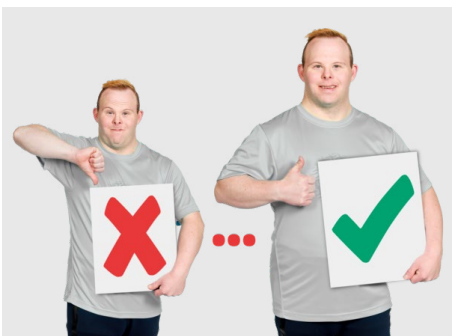
The government should talk about the bad things that happened on Peat Island.



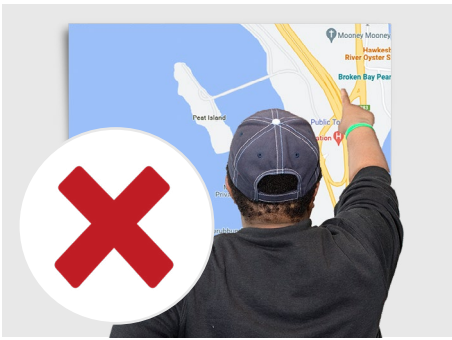
And talk about the strength of people with disability to live their lives.



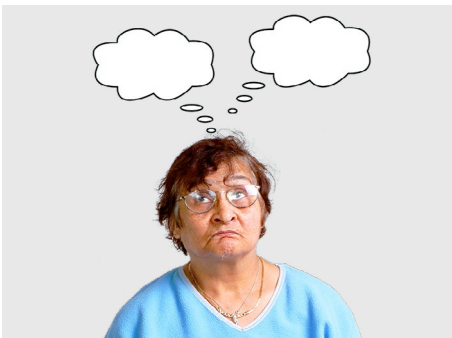
The government should protect the memory of what happened on Peat Island.



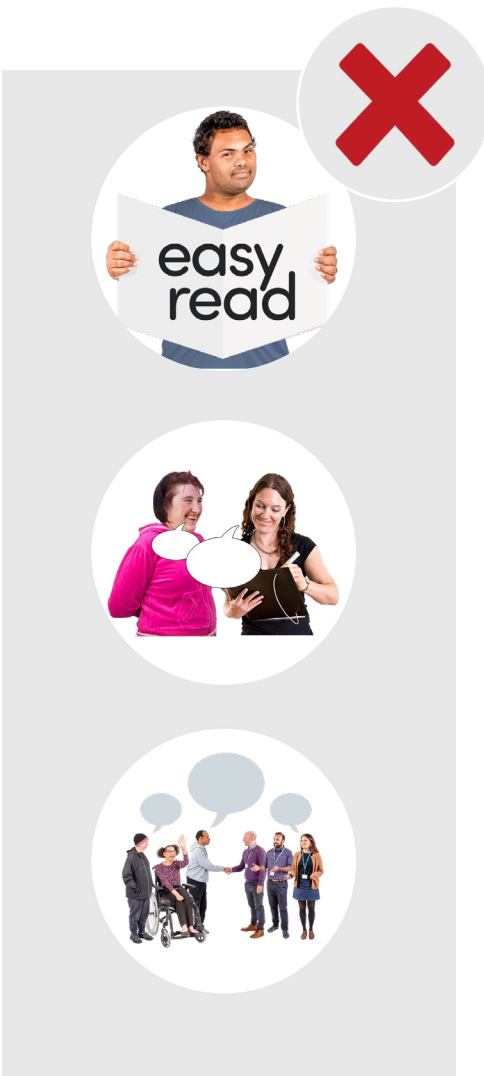
This is so we can learn and make a better future.



People with disability did not get to choose to live on Peat Island.



But they should have a choice about what happens to Peat Island in the future.



Problems with the Government plan

The plans are not available in Easy Read.

The government did not ask people with disability what they think.

The government did not ask disability organisations what they think.



This does not respect the right of people with disability to be included.

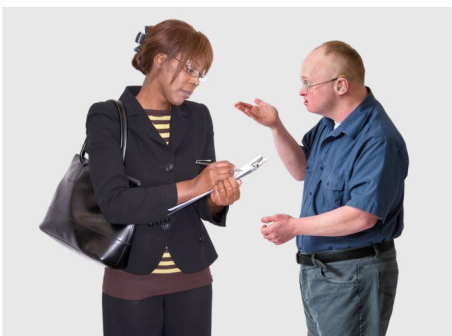


The right to be included is in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability.

CRPD for short.



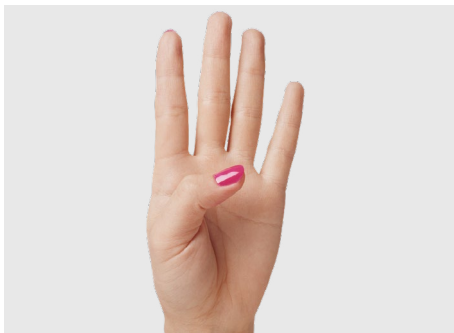
The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability says it is very important to include people with disability.



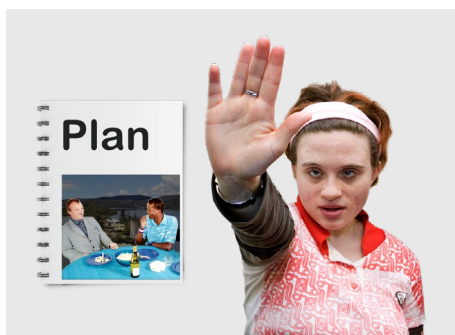
The government knows this.

It must do more to include people with disability in the future of Peat Island.

4 things that need to happen



CID thinks there are 4 things that need to happen.



1

The government should stop its plan.



2

Any new plan for Peat Island must respect what happened to people with disability there.



People with disability must be asked what they want in the new plan.



3

People with disability must have a say in future decisions about Peat Island.



4

The government should make Peat Island a heritage site.

Heritage sites are protected places that are important in Australian history.

A better way



CID thinks there is a better way to remember what happened on Peat Island.



Peat Island could be a site of conscience.

A **site of conscience** is a place where people can learn about bad things that happened in the past.



This place can tell stories through

- talks
- art
- walking tours



A site of conscience helps us to

- Remember the past.
- Make things better for all people now and in the future.

Council for Intellectual Disability made this document Easy Read. **CID** for short.
You need permission from CID if you want to use any pictures in this document.

You can contact CID at business@cid.org.au