



How to lobby the Health Minister for the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability

The Issue:

People with Intellectual Disability are dying 27 years earlier than the general population. Up to half the deaths of people with intellectual disability are preventable. We need to fix this.

What you can do:

You can help by asking the Health Minister Greg Hunt to fund National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

The Roadmap has been developed with the Department of Health. It contains good programs to improve the health of people with intellectual disability. The most important part of the Roadmap is the creation of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.

There will be a federal election very soon. We need your help to ensure the Liberal Party supports and funds the implementation of the Roadmap and the early establishment of the National Centre of Excellence.

Call or email the Health Minister:

Phone: [\(02\) 6277 7220](tel:(02)62777220)

Email: Greg.Hunt.MP@aph.gov.au

Explain why you are phoning/emailing:

“I am calling because I think our health system in Australia is failing people with intellectual disability.”

“I would like the Health Minister and the Liberals to support and fund the implementation of the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.”

“I would like a commitment of support for implementation of the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

“The most important part of the Roadmap is the creation of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health. The Centre is essential to the success of the Roadmap and needs to be built in the next 12 months.”

“I would like you to secure commitment to support the Roadmap and the National Centre of Excellence from your political party to improve the health of over 450,000 people with intellectual disability in Australia.”

Here are some other requests you can make:

- I would like the Health Minister to talk to other members of his political party and secure the funding needed for the Roadmap and the Centre of Excellence.
- I would like you to do a post on Facebook or a tweet about the importance of funding the National Roadmap and Centre of Excellence within the next 12 months.
- I would like you to make a speech in Parliament about the importance of funding the National Roadmap and the Centre of Excellence.

Thank him for his attention to this important issue and make sure to be polite.

Please let us know how the email or phone call went

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