



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.

Last August, Health Minister Greg Hunt launched the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

The Roadmap contains good programs to improve the health of people with intellectual disability.

What you can do:

You can help by asking the Health Minister Greg Hunt to get funding for the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health. This Centre is vital to making the Roadmap happen.

There will be a federal election soon and the federal budget will be announced on March 29. We want the National Centre funded in the budget.

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 applaud the Minister for 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. Please get it funded in the March budget.”

Here are some other requests you can make:

- I would like the Health Minister to get support from other ministers and secure the funding needed for 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 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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