

Submission to Disability Royal Commission Saying sorry for disability institutions



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This document is a called a **submission**.

A **submission** tells you what someone thinks about a topic.



This submission is by Council for Intellectual Disability.

CID for short.



CID is based in New South Wales.



This submission is about **disability institutions**.



Disability institutions are big places where people with disability live together.

Many people with intellectual disability used to live in disability institutions.



People with disability lived in institutions because of **Government policy**.



Government policy is when the Government says how things should be done.

What the Disability Royal Commission should tell Government



Governments should make an **apology** for their disability institutions policies.



The Australian and State Governments should both apologise.



An **apology** is being honest about something that hurt people and saying sorry.



When Governments apologise they should show they are sorry through actions.

Actions could be



 Ask people with disability what they want done to make things better



• Listen to what people say



• Do not do the wrong thing again



• Make up for things that were wrong



 Change laws and systems to stop bad things happening again.



Governments should include people with intellectual disability in decisions about disability institutions



Governments should listen to what people with intellectual disability think about disability institutions



Governments should take responsibility for their disability policies



Even if the policies happened a long time ago

Other information we think is important



Some people do **research** about disability institutions.



Research is when you find a lot of information about a topic.



People at the University of Technology Sydney have done research about remembering disability institutions.



They have made a submission to the Disability Royal Commission.



CID helped in this work.



We think it is an important submission so we put it on our website.

It is in Easy Read.

www.bit.ly/remembering_institutions



Other important research is about disability institutions and government policy.

This information is also on our website.

It is not in Easy Read.

www.bit.ly/research_case_study

Other groups who support this submission



This submission is by CID.



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- Inclusion Australia
- Speak Out Tasmania
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