

Submission to Disability Royal Commission Equal Right to Decide



This document is 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 made this submission to the Disability Royal Commission.



This submission is about the rights of people with intellectual disability.

This submission talks about

- respecting human rights
- supported decision making



Human rights are rights we all have.

Human rights help us have a good life with freedom and respect.



Supported decision making is to help someone take steps to make more of their own decisions.



People with intellectual disability helped to write this submission.

They spoke to the Disability Royal Commission about their rights.



They shared their lived experiences.



CID thinks 3 things are important for people in decision making.



1. People have a good life.



2. People get support to make decisions.



3. People get support and get to make decisions from a young age.



We think these things will help respect human rights for everyone.

What CID thinks is important



CID thinks it is important for everyone to get better at supporting people with intellectual disability to make their own decisions.



Including

- government services
- education
- businesses
- communities



People with intellectual disability should get the support and adjustments they want and need.



Governments and services need to work together to get better at supported decision making.



CID has a list of things we want changed.

CID wants the Disability Royal Commission to tell the Government to make these changes

Include people with intellectual disability



Governments should include people with intellectual disability in big decisions about their lives.



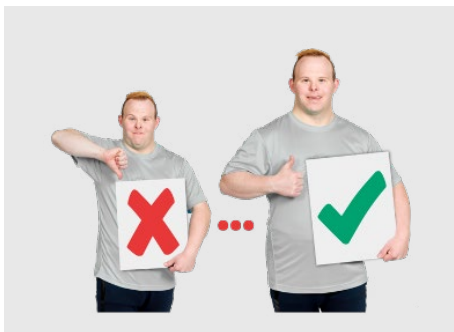
This includes when changes are made to

- law
- policy
- services



Policy means the plans for how governments must do things.

Law reform



CID thinks some laws must change.

This includes Australian and state governments laws.



The NSW Government should make a new law about guardianship.



The new law must say that people with intellectual disability have the right to make their own decisions.



The law must say how people can get support to make decisions.



Read about what CID thinks about the Guardianship law reform here:

[Our position statement on guardianship law reform | CID](#)



The Australian and state governments should agree to supported decision making principles.

Principles mean important ideas to think about and follow.



Supported decision making principles are

- Everyone has the right to make decisions



- Everyone should respect what a person wants to decide



- Everyone has the right to support



- Everyone has the right to take risks



Everyone should be included in the principles.

That includes

- People with different communication
- People with no supporters
- People from different cultures
- First Nations people

Education



State education departments should

- build decision making from a young age
- practice supported decision making in schools
- help students with disability build relationships
- help teachers get more training
- have inclusive schools

NDIS



The NDIS and NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission should

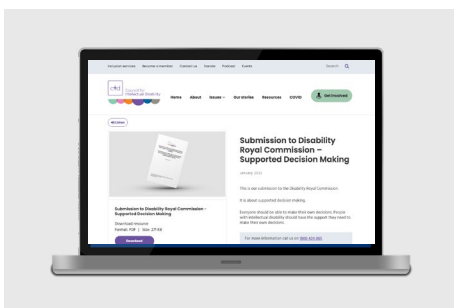
- respect the human rights of people with intellectual disability
- involve people with intellectual disability in their work
- include money for supported decision making in plans

For more information



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