



Council for  
Intellectual Disability



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The **Disability Royal Commission** looked into the big issues for people with disability.

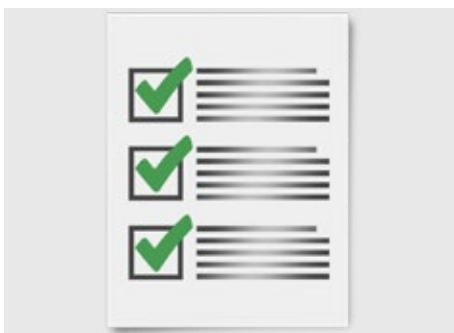
We will say the **DRC** for short.



The DRC has made a **final report** that says what they found out about the big issues.



The final report has **recommendations** for the Australian government and the NSW government.



**Recommendations** are things the DRC said should happen next.



This information says what CID thinks about the recommendations for people with intellectual disability.



We have **key asks** for all the recommendations.



**Key asks** are the big things CID wants the NSW government to do.



The government always needs to think about First Nations people with intellectual disability.

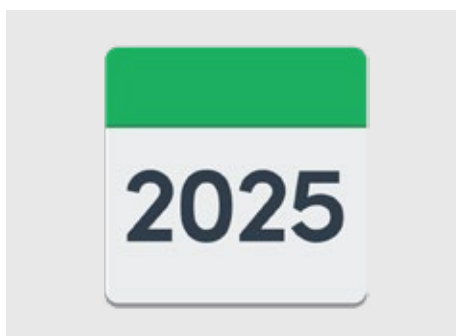
# Disability Rights Act



The DRC recommended each government in Australia should have a **Disability Rights Act**.



A **Disability Rights Act** is a law that would make sure all people with disability get their rights.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to have a Disability Rights Act by 2025.



We think there should be rules to make sure people follow the Disability Rights Act.

# Accessible communications



The DRC recommended the Australian governments need a plan to make information and **communications** more **accessible**.



**Communications** are things like

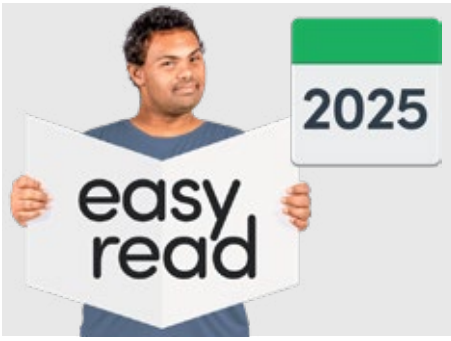
- Emails
  
- Phone calls.



**Accessible** means everyone can use and understand the information and communications.



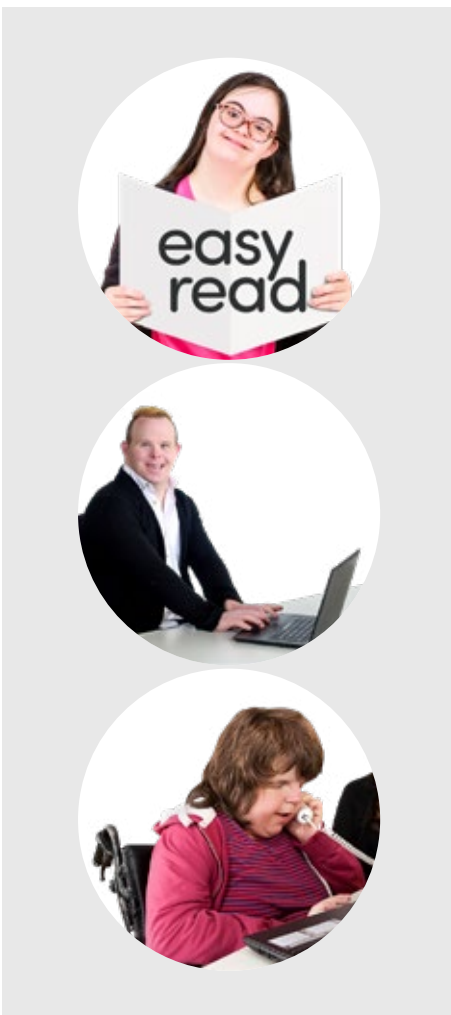
The DRC said all the Australian governments need to work together in the plan.



The NSW government has already agreed to make lots of information in Easy Read by 2025.



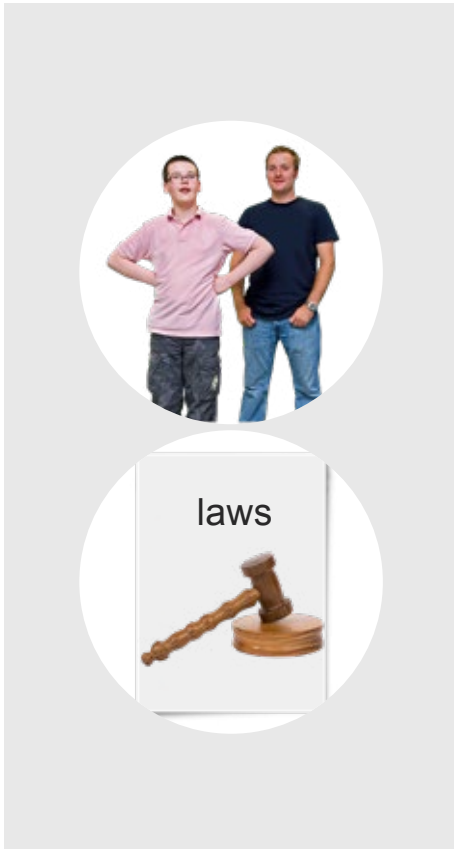
Our key ask is for the NSW government to support the new plan.



We want the information for people with intellectual disability to be

- Easy Read
- Easy to find
- Easy to use.

# Supported decision making



The DRC recommended Australian governments

- Do more **supported decision making**
- Change the laws about **guardianship**.



**Supported decision making** is when you get support to make your own decisions.



**Guardianship** is when someone else makes decisions for you.



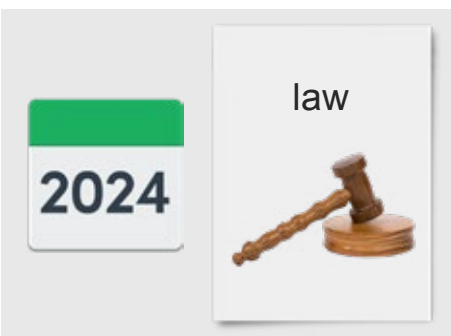
The DRC said people who have guardianship should still be listened to.



We agree with these recommendations.



We helped the NSW government make a group to change guardianship laws.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to make a new law about supported decision making in 2024.





This law should be instead of the guardianship law.



The NSW government should also make a **framework** for supported decision making.

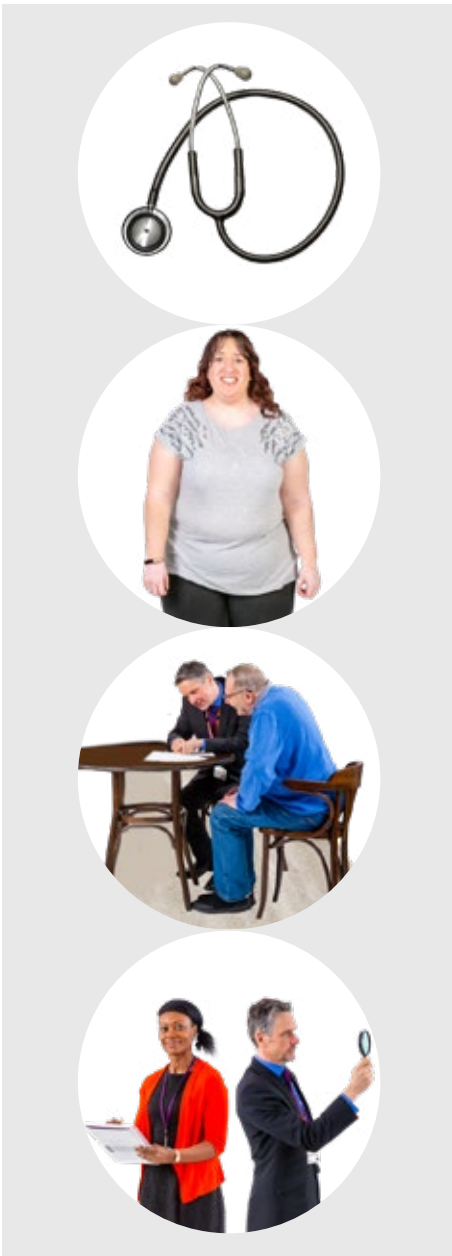


A **framework** says how to do something.

# Health



The DRC made lots of recommendations to make health better for people with disability.



The DRC recommended to

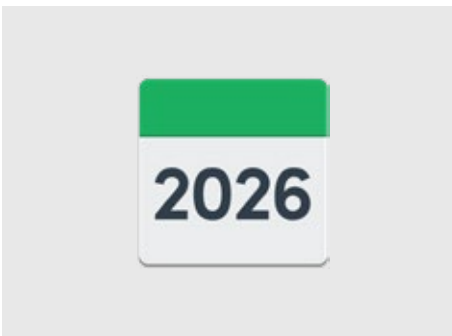
- Make sure people with disability can get all the health supports they need
- Make special health services just for people with intellectual disability
- Have new staff to support people with intellectual disability get health care
- Make a new way to look into when people with disability die.



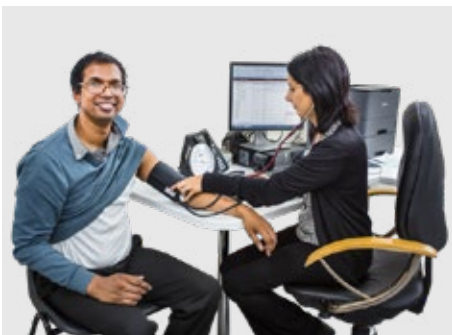
CID agrees with these recommendations.



We want health teams for people with intellectual disability all over NSW.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to make these new health teams by 2026.



We want the teams to make sure they check people who have very serious health needs.

# Jobs



The DRC recommended the government make **targets** for people with disability in jobs.



**Targets** say there should be a number of people with disability who have jobs.



Governments should choose to use businesses where people with intellectual disability work.



We agree with these recommendations.



We have been speaking up for years to support people with intellectual disability get good jobs.

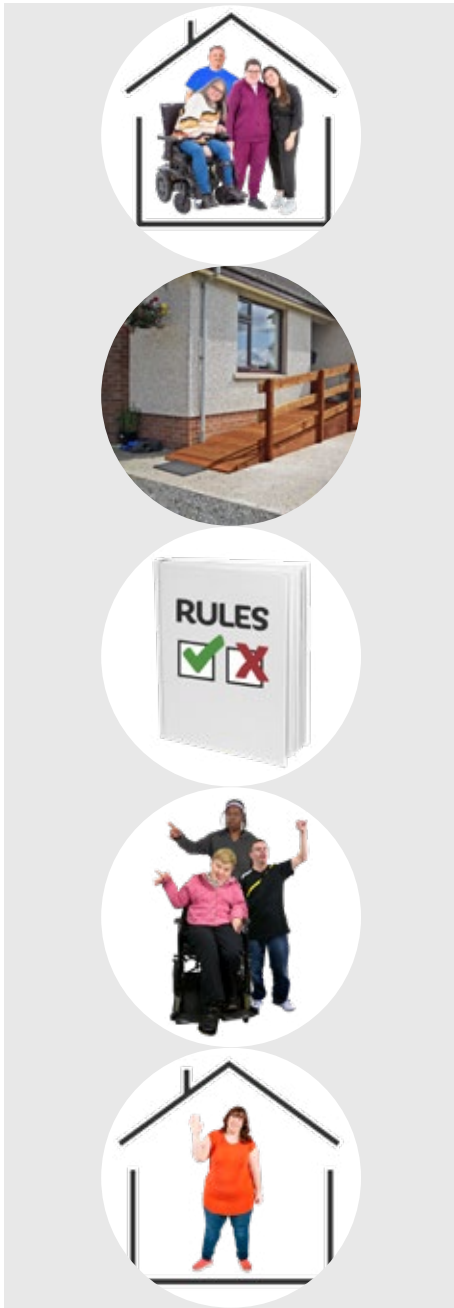


At the moment there is not many people with intellectual disability with jobs.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to make a plan so more people with intellectual disability have jobs by 2026.

# Housing



The DRC recommended to

- Make sure people with disability get housing
- Make more accessible housing
- Make the rules for housing better
- Make sure people who live in housing get their rights
- Support more people with disability to live on their own.



We agree with these recommendations.

We think people with disability should have the right to choose



- Where they live



- Who they live with.



The NSW government should make a plan for group homes they do not use anymore.



These places should be used to let people with disability choose how they live.

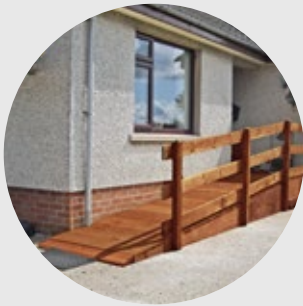
Our key asks are for the NSW government to



- Make more housing for people with intellectual disability



- Make it easier for people with intellectual disability to get and keep housing



- Make sure new housing is accessible for people with intellectual disability.



# Criminal justice



The DRC recommended **criminal justice** get better at knowing when people have disability.



**Criminal justice** means the services for people who get in trouble with the police.



This means services like police and jails.



The DRC said criminal justice services need to treat people with disability better.

This means services like



- Police



- Courts



- Jails



- Youth detention.



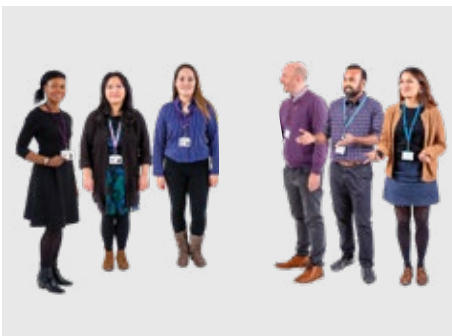
**Youth detention** is where young people are kept if they break the law.



The DRC said there should be no more **indefinite detention**.



**Indefinite detention** is when you are kept in jail or youth detention with no date for you to leave.



Criminal justice and NDIS need to work together to decide what they each do to help.



The DRC said there should be **diversion programs** all over Australia.



**Diversion programs** give people support so they do not go to jail or youth detention.



The DRC said the governments need to do work to keep women and children safe.



We agree with the DRC recommendations about criminal justice.



We have supported services like the **Justice Advocacy Service** to get more money.

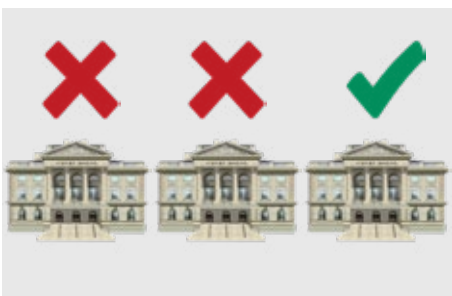


The **Justice Advocacy Service** helps people with intellectual disability in NSW when they go to

- The police station
  
- Court.



They also have a diversion program.



But it is only in some courts.

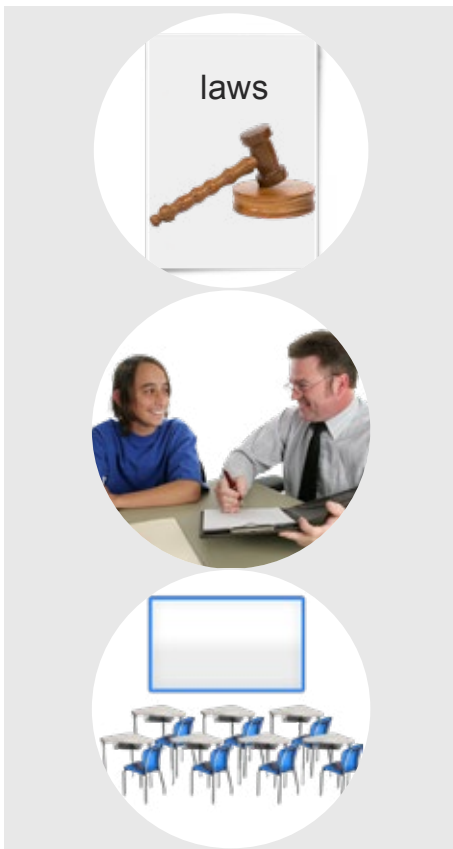


Our key ask is for the NSW government to support the diversion program to be in all NSW courts.

# Education



The DRC recommended schools make education better for students with disability.



This means things like

- Change the laws
- Make support services better
- Change how classrooms work for students with disability.



We agree students with disability have the right to go to **mainstream schools**.



**Mainstream schools** are schools that students with and without disability go to.



We agree students have the right to be in decisions about their education.



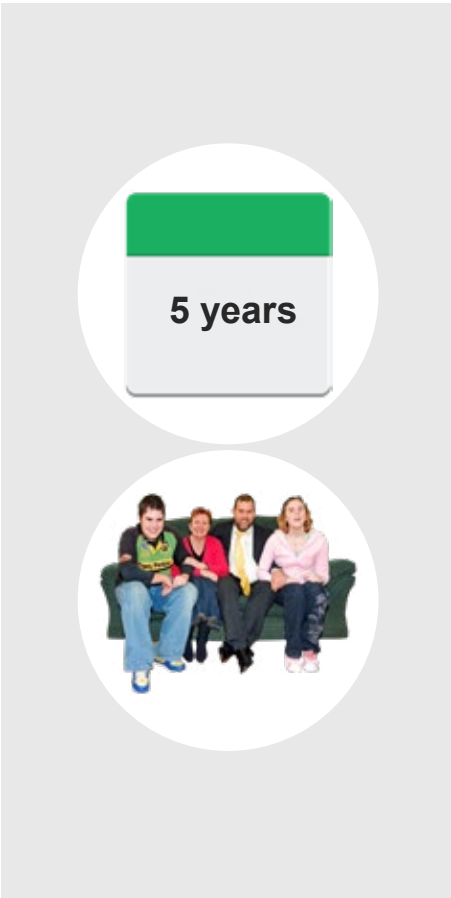
We have been speaking up for years for students with intellectual disability to get good support.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to make a plan for students with intellectual disability.



The plan would make sure more students with intellectual disability learn with students without disability.



The plan should

- Go for 5 years
- Be made with students with intellectual disability and their families.



# Restrictive practices



The DRC recommended rules to make sure **restrictive practices** are not used as much.



**Restrictive practices** are things that stop you from moving around on your own.



The DRC said there should be less restrictive practices in

- Disability services
- Health services
- Education like schools
- Criminal justice.



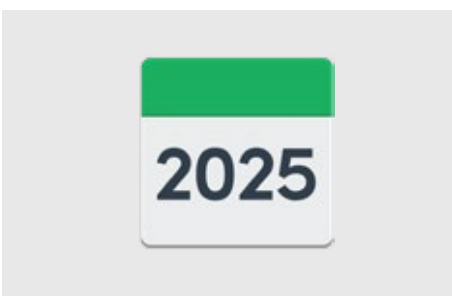
We agree there should not be as many restrictive practices.



There should be other things used instead like support decision making.



Our key ask is for the NSW government to make a law that says restrictive practices should not be used as much.



The government should make this law by 2025.



The government should also think about how people can agree to restrictive practices in a safe way.



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