

Australian government reply to the Disability Royal Commission



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- The government reply to the **Disability Royal Commission** ideas on health

We say **DRC** for short.



- The federal election

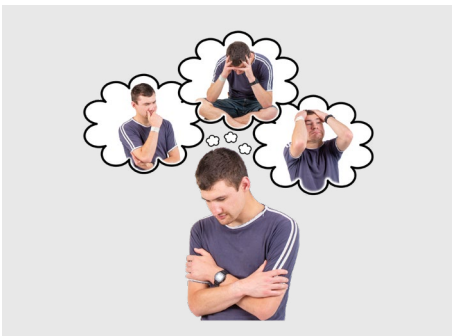


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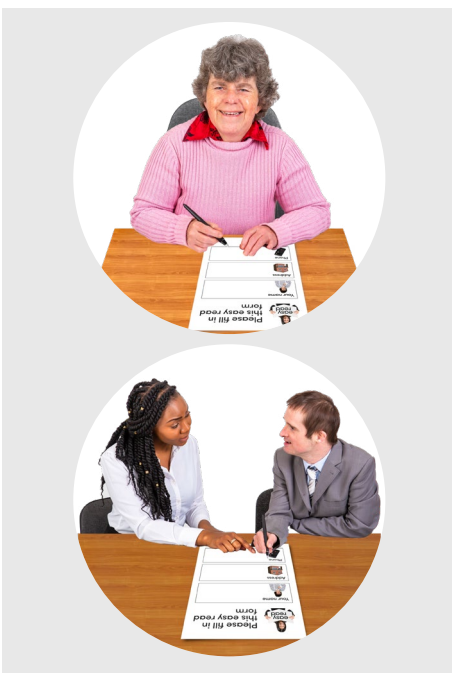
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- hurt
- death



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The government reply to the DRC



The DRC spoke to lots of people with intellectual disability.



People with intellectual disability and family members told the DRC hard stories.



Some of these were about hurt and death.

They said health care is not good for people with intellectual disability.



The DRC said they have 26 **ideas** about health care for people with disability.

Ideas are changes to make things better.



The Australian government has not supported many of the ideas.

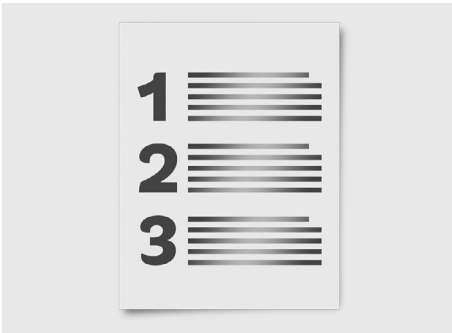
CID is not happy about this.



This article will talk about 5 DRC health ideas.

What the government said about the DRC health ideas

1. The Health Capability Framework

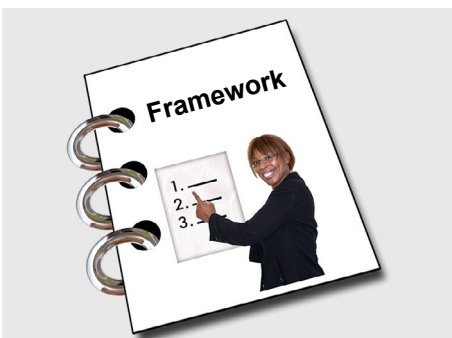


The Government has made a **Health Capability Framework**.

This is a list.

It says things health workers need to know about intellectual disability.

We say **Framework** for short.



The reply about the Framework needs to be stronger.



The DRC idea said universities should teach students about the Framework.



The government only promised to talk to the people in charge of university courses about the Framework.



This promise is not enough.

The government needs to do lots more to get universities to use the Framework.

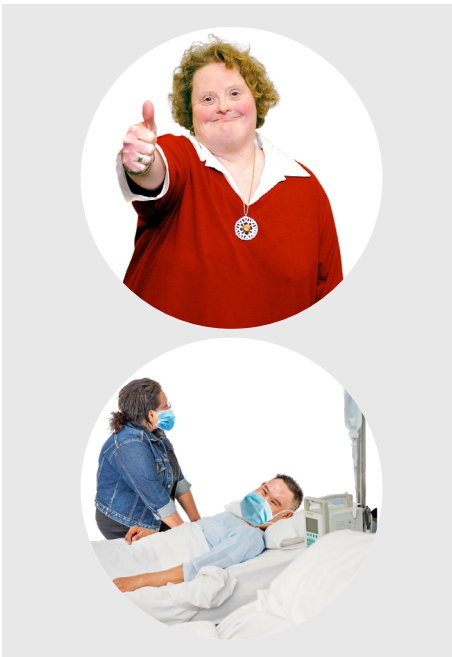
2. Sterilisation



Sterilisation means doing an operation so that a person cannot have a baby.

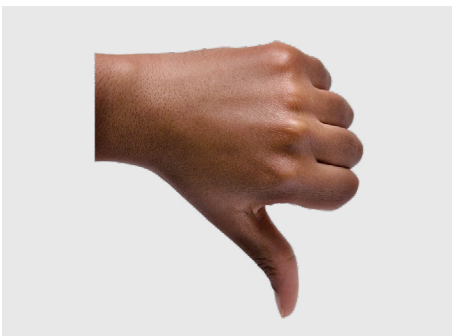


The law about **sterilisation** of people with disability needs to be stronger.

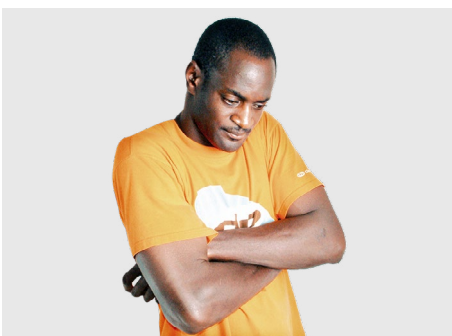


The DRC said that sterilisation should be banned unless

- the person agrees to it
- there is a very good medical reason for the operation.



The government has not agreed with the DRC idea.

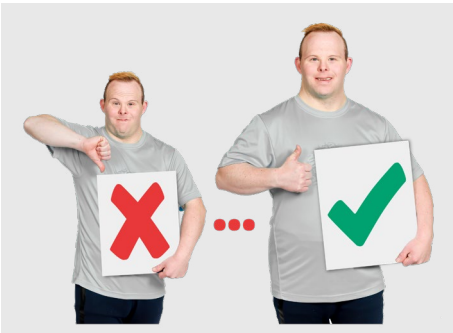


This means people with intellectual disability do not have the same rights to make decisions about their bodies as everyone else has.

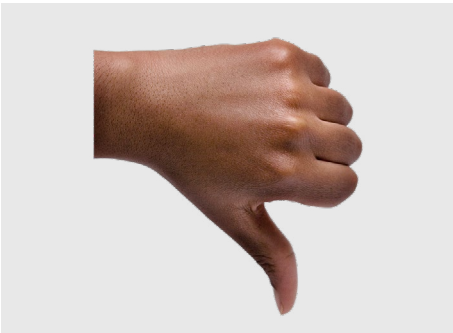
3. Health funding



The government has not promised to spend much money on the DRC recommendations.



For the past 5 years the government has done some good things to improve the health of people with intellectual disability.



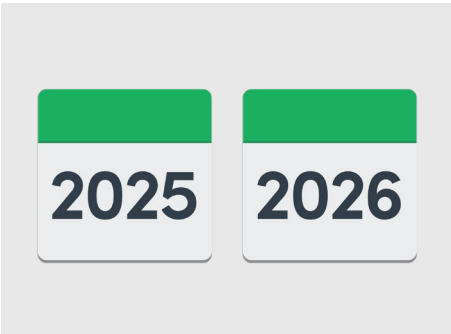
This last budget did not give new money to do this.



It is good there is a small amount of funding for ideas about disability health navigators.



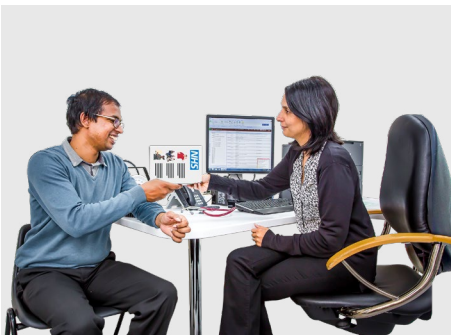
Disability health navigators are workers who would assist people to find the right health services.



It is good there is funding to continue the **Primary Care Enhancement Program**.

It will continue in 4 places.

It will continue for 2 more years.



The **Primary Care Enhancement Program** teaches GPs and other health workers how to do a good job with people with intellectual disability.



The government has not promised to do the program in other parts of Australia.

4. The right to good health care



All Australian governments have said the right of people with disability to good health care should be in health policy and laws.

We think this is good.



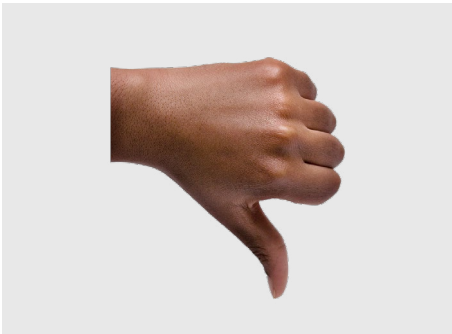
CID will ask the government for stronger action on this.

5. The National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health



It is good the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health will keep a focus on intellectual disability.

The federal election



CID is disappointed at the Australian government response to the DRC.



CID is worried people with intellectual disability will continue to die early if the health system does not get better.



At the federal election CID will ask for

- Quick and strong action to improve health care
- More money to improve health care.

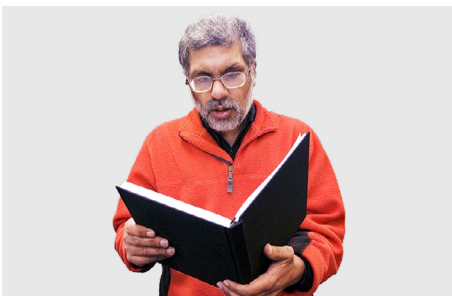
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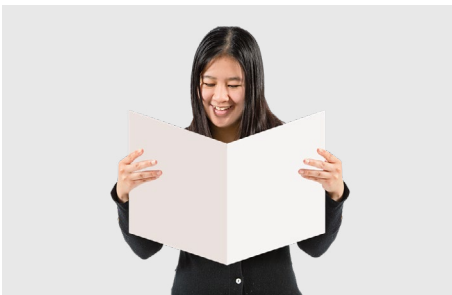
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