



Council for  
Intellectual Disability



# Our health still counts

CID position statement for the  
federal election in 2025



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# About this position statement



CID made this **position statement** about health care for people with intellectual disability.



A **position statement** says what CID thinks about an issue.



It says what we want the Australian Government to promise at the **federal election** in 2025.



A **federal election** is when Australians choose who they want to lead the Australian Government.



There are lots of problems with the health care people with intellectual disability get.



This information says

- What the problems are
- What we think should happen.

## What the problems are



People with intellectual disability do not get good health care.



Many health services **neglect** people with intellectual disability.



**Neglect** means the health services do not give them the care they need.



This makes people with intellectual disability get sick more.



People with intellectual disability do not get health care early to stop them getting sick.



They have to go to hospital more than other people.



People with intellectual disability die

- Younger than other people
- From things other people would not.

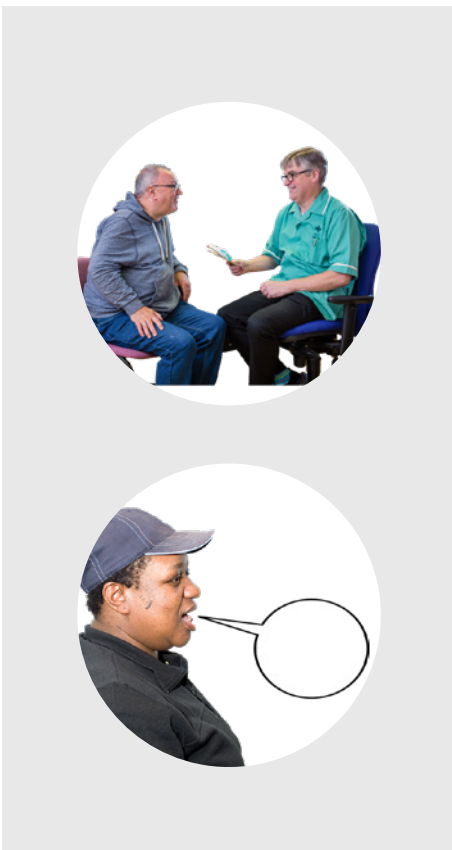
# Why is this happening



There are lots of reasons why people with intellectual disability get bad health care.



Many health workers do not learn how to support people with intellectual disability.



Health workers often do not know how to

- Talk to the person in the right way
- Support the person to talk about their health.



Health workers often do not give enough time to talk to people with intellectual disability.



Many health workers think people with intellectual disability can not make decisions.



These health workers do not ask the person with intellectual disability what they want.



Health workers often think that a health problem comes from the persons disability.



This means health workers do not find out what the real health problem is.



Many of these problems are worse for First Nations people with intellectual disability.



# What has already been done



Governments have already done some things to try and fix the problems.



They made a 10 year plan to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



This plan is called the **National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.**

We will say the **National Roadmap** for short.



The Government gave money for the **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.**

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

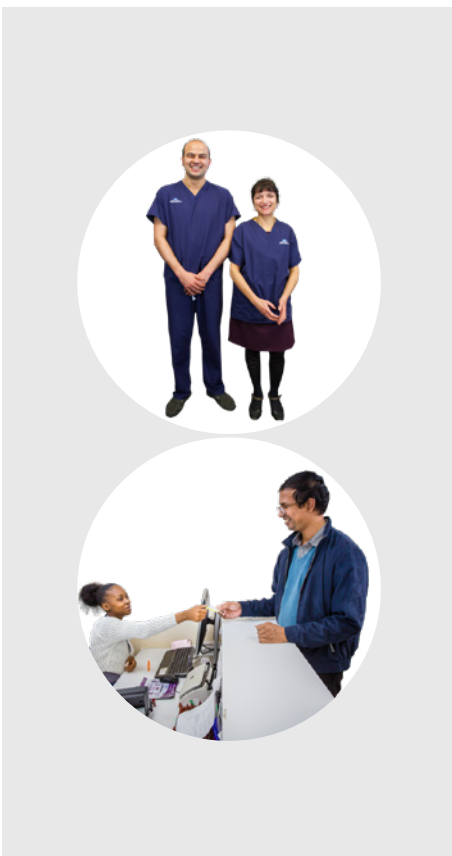


The Centre works to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



The **Disability Royal Commission** looked into lots of issues for people with intellectual disability.

We will say **DRC** for short.



The DRC said

- Health workers should get better training to support people with intellectual disability
- People with intellectual disability need better support at health services.

# What we want to happen



CID wants the Government to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



The problems in health care for people with intellectual disability need to be fixed **now**.



We want the Government to do the things the DRC said to do.



We want **foundational supports** to support the health of people with intellectual disability.



**Foundational supports** are disability supports that are not from the NDIS.



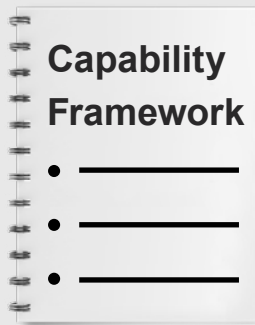
We want the Government to do more to help First Nations people with intellectual disability.



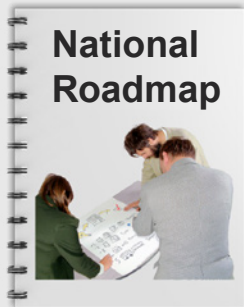
We want First Nations people with intellectual disability to be the leaders of any changes.



We want the Government to give more money for health care for people with intellectual disability.



We want the Government to do the things in the **Capability Framework**.



The **Capability Framework** is part of the National Roadmap.



It says health workers should get training so they can

- Know what the health issues are for people with intellectual disability



- Support and talk to people with intellectual disability.



The next **National Health Reform Agreement** must support people with intellectual disability.



The **National Health Reform Agreement** helps give all people in Australia good health care.

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



We want the agreement to make sure there is

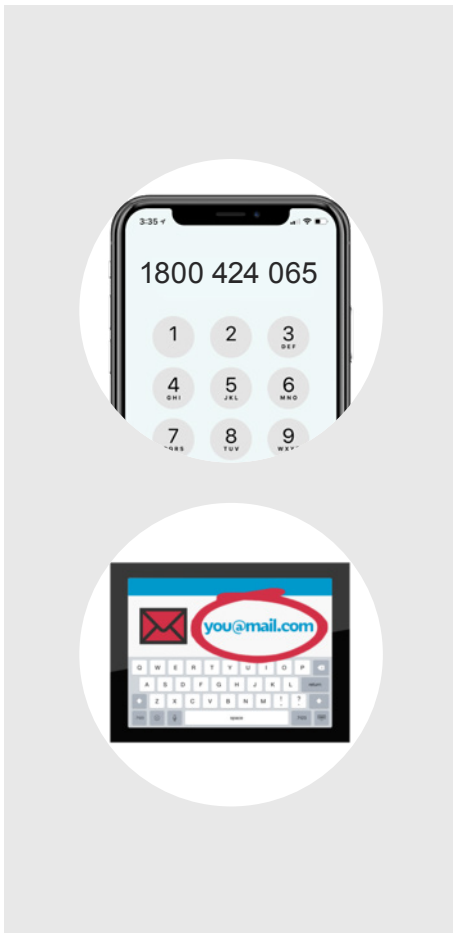
- Better support for people with intellectual disability in hospitals

- Better ways to know what works and what does not work in health care.

## More information



You can contact CID for more information about this position statement.



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