

Position statement about disability institutions



Disability institutions



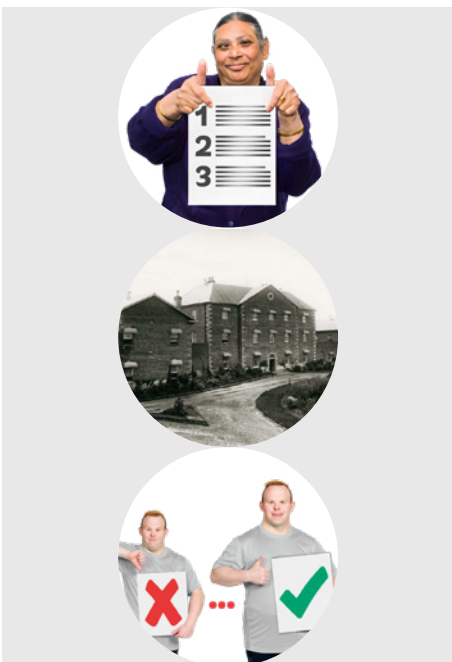
CID made this **position statement** about **disability institutions**.



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



Disability institutions were big places where many people with disability used to live.



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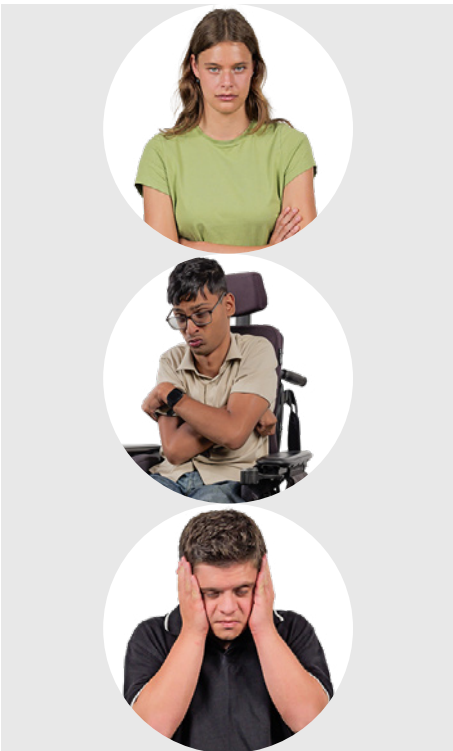
- What CID wants to happen for disability institutions
- What happened before
- What needs to change.



It can be hard to talk about disability institutions.



Sometimes bad things happened at disability institutions.



Talking about disability institutions makes some people feel

- Sad
- Angry
- Worried.



You can ask for support to read this information.

What are disability institutions



Lots of people with intellectual disability used to live in disability institutions.



Some big disability institutions in NSW were

- Rydalmere Centre
- Stockton Centre
- Tomaree Lodge
- Peat Island.

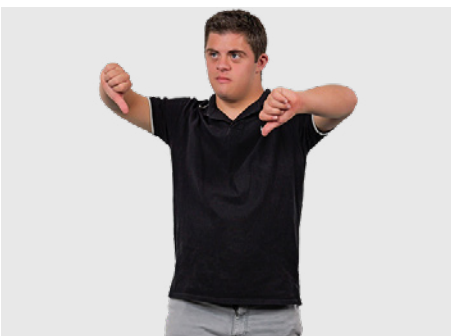
What happened before



The NSW Government used to be in charge of big disability institutions.



There were not many other places for people with intellectual disability to live.



A lot of people with intellectual disability did not like living in institutions.

They said institutions were not nice places to live because



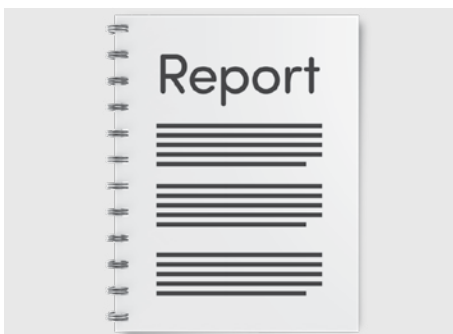
- They were not part of the community



- They were not allowed to make their own decisions



- Some people with intellectual disability were treated very badly.



In 1983 the NSW Government made the **Richmond Report**.

The **Richmond Report** said



- Institutions should close



- People with disabilities should be supported to live in their community.



Institutions began to close.



Some people went to live with their family.



Some people moved into **supported accommodation** in their community.



Supported accommodation means you get support to do things where you live.



These places are sometimes called **group homes**.

What CID has already done



CID asked the Government to close all disability institutions.



We said people with intellectual disability should live in their community.



All big Government disability institutions have now closed.

What things are like now



There is not enough good supported accommodation for people with intellectual disability.



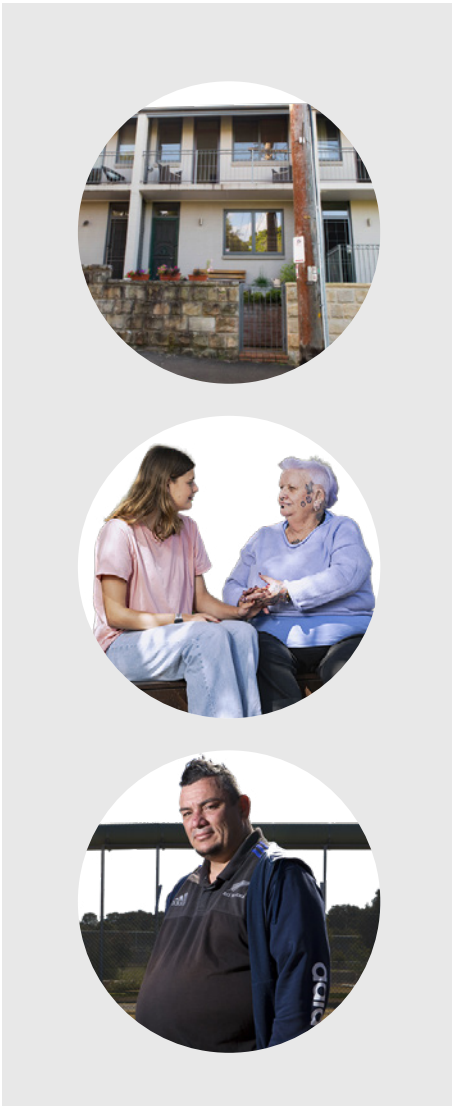
Supported accommodation is good if

- It is part of the community
- It supports people with intellectual disability make decisions about their lives.

What CID wants



There are things we want the Government to do about disability institutions.



We want the Government to

- Make new disability housing good for people with intellectual disability
- Say sorry to people who lived in institutions
- Make sure everyone remembers what happened at the institutions.

These things will help the community to



- Know what institutions were like for people with intellectual disability



- Learn from what happened



- Make sure those mistakes never happen again.

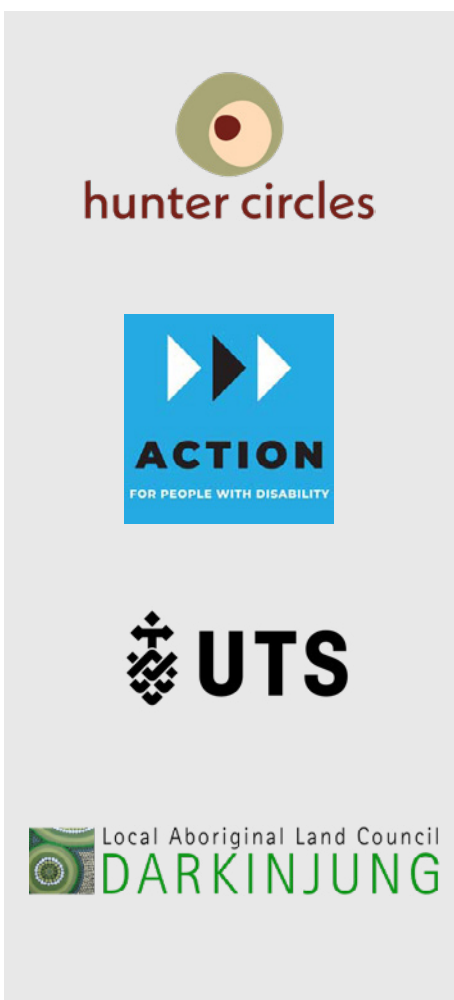
What needs to happen next



The NSW Government should make old institutions into new places.



The new places should remember the people who used to live in the institutions.



CID is doing work to make this happen with

- **Hunter Circles**
- **Action for People with Disability**
- **University of Technology Sydney**
- **The Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council** who own Kooroowall-Undi or Peat Island.

We are doing work to make sure



- People remember what happened at disability institutions



- The bad things that happened will not happen again.

More information



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



You can

- Call CID on 1800 424 065
- Send an email to advocacy@cid.org.au