



Council for
Intellectual Disability



Supported decision making should be in the law



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About this information



This information is about **supported decision making**.



Supported decision making is when someone supports you to make more of your own choices.

We will say **SDM** for short.



The **Council for Intellectual Disability** wrote a report to the NSW Government about SDM.

We will say **CID** for short.



CID said more people with intellectual disability should have SDM.



Our report gave 6 **recommendations** in so more people have SDM.



Recommendations are the things we say should be changed.



You can read our full report here

www.cid.org.au/resource/sdm-nsw-parliamentary-inquiry-submission



It is not Easy Read.

Recommendation 1



We said the **Ageing and Disability Commission** should ask for the law to change.



The **Ageing and Disability Commission** is a part of the government that keeps older people or people with a disability safe.

We will say **ADC** for short.



We said the law should change so the ADC can make the rules about SDM.



The rules should say people with intellectual disability must be supported to make their own decisions.

This is to make sure



- People get their rights

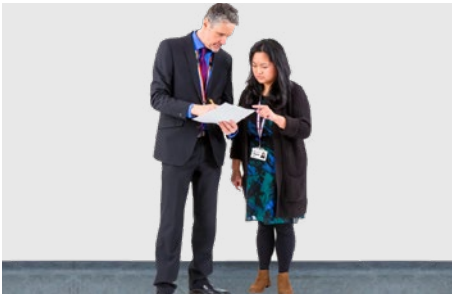


- Less people need a **guardian** to make decisions for them.



A **guardian** makes decisions for a person if they cannot decide for themselves.

Recommendation 2



We said the ADC should be **the experts** at SDM.



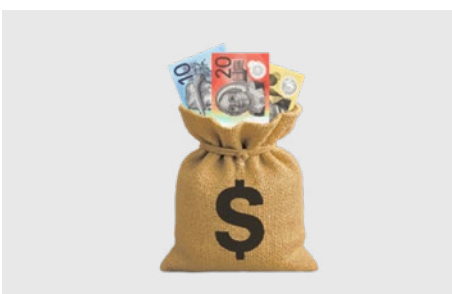
Experts are people who know a lot about something.



Then the ADC can tell other people how to do SDM.

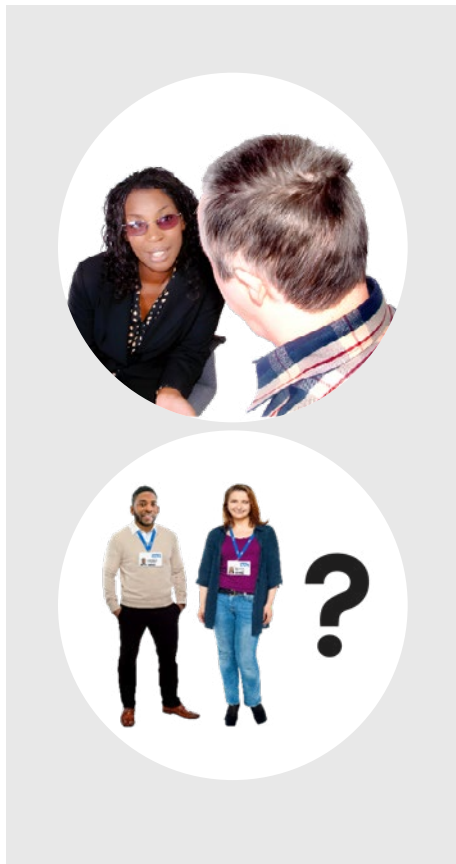


They will make tools to help people do SDM.



We said the government should give the ADC money to do this.

Recommendation 3



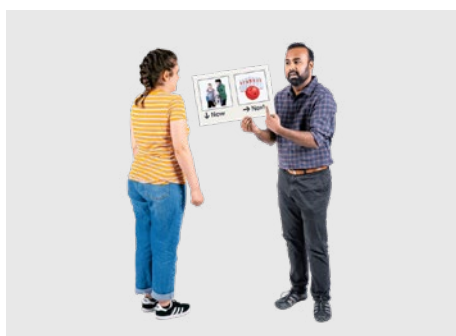
We said the ADC should find out more about

- Why people find it hard to make decisions
- The reasons the **NSW Trustee and Guardian** steps in to make decisions for people.



The **NSW Trustee and Guardian** is part of the Government.

We will say **NSWTG** for short.



They make decisions for people if they cannot decide for themselves.

NSWTG might make decisions about



- Where a person lives
- How they spend their money.



NSWTG does not always talk to people about the decisions they make for them.



NSWTG does not support people to make their own decisions.

Recommendation 4



We said everyone should learn about SDM.



We want **advocacy organisations** to help everyone do SDM.



Advocacy organisations speak up about big issues.

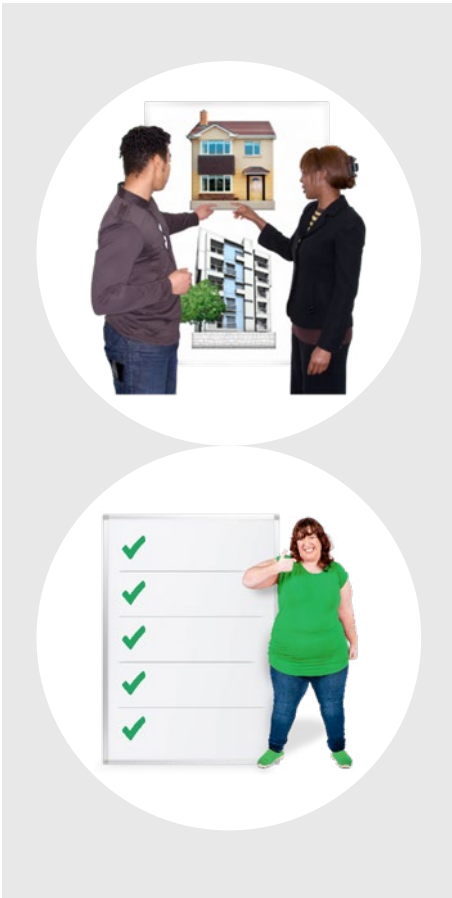


They could help teach people about how to do SDM.



We said the Government should give them money to do this.

Recommendation 5



We said the ADC should check that

- Everyone is doing SDM
- SDM has helped people make more of their own decisions.

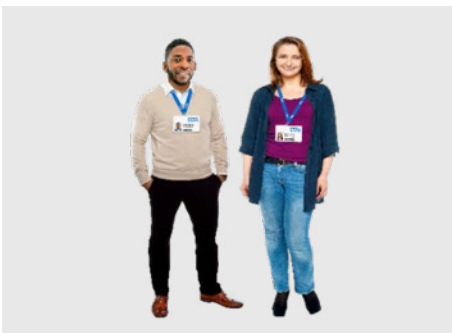
Recommendation 6



We want other laws to change so everyone gets a chance to do SDM.



We want NSWTC to step in to make decisions only when there is no other choice.

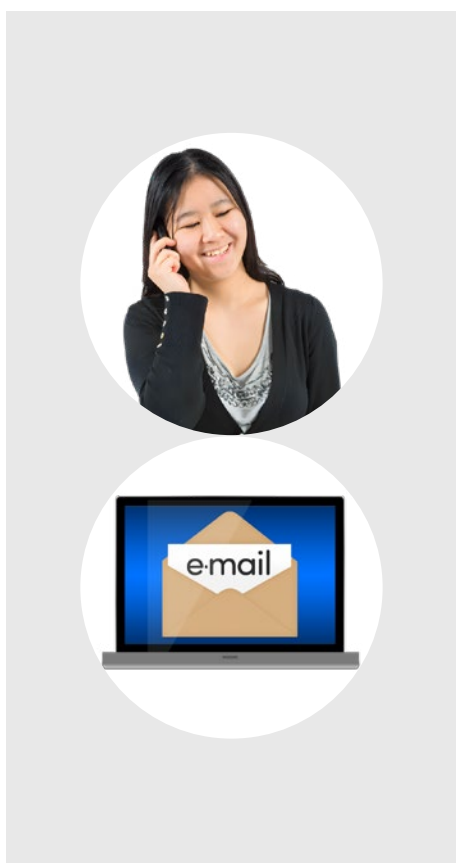


This is so less people need to have a guardian to make decisions for them.

More information



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



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