

Centre Statement

Background Information



The **Disability Royal Commission** finished in 2023.

We say **DRC** for short.



You can read more about the DRC on their website:

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/>



The DRC made a report.

The reports said health care is not good enough for people with intellectual disability in Australia.



The report included ideas and suggestions about how the Australian government can make health care better.



The Australian government made a **response** to the DRC report.

The response is a document that says what the Australian Government will do about the ideas and suggestions in the report.



You can read the response on this website:
<https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/australian-government-response-to-the-disability-royal-commission>.



The Centre would like to make a **statement** about the response.

A statement is an official document about the way the Centre feels.



This statement will talk about things that might make some people sad or upset.

Please stop reading if you want to.

Research about intellectual disability health



There has been lots of research about the health care of people with intellectual disability in Australia.



The research said that too many people with intellectual disability experience **preventable deaths**.



A preventable death is when someone dies because they didn't get the right health treatment.



This means that too many people with intellectual disability die when they are young.

The Government's response to the DRC



The DRC report had 26 ideas and suggestions to make health care better for people with intellectual disability in Australia.



The Government said they liked the ideas and suggestions from the DRC.



But the Government did not make enough promises to use the ideas and suggestions.



The Centre is not happy about the response.



The Centre thinks the Government should agree to do more work with the ideas and suggestions.



The Government did a good job by using money to set up the Centre.



The Government wants the Centre to focus on people with intellectual disability only.



The Centre is happy about this.

This means that the Centre can do a really good job for people with intellectual disability.



The Government said that they want people with intellectual disability to have good health care.

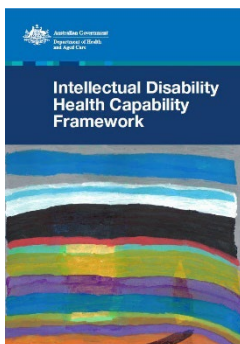
This is a good thing.



But the Government did not give enough examples of the work they will do.



The Centre thinks the Government should give details about their plans.



The DRC also said an important thing to work on is the **Health Capability Framework**.

We say **framework** for short.

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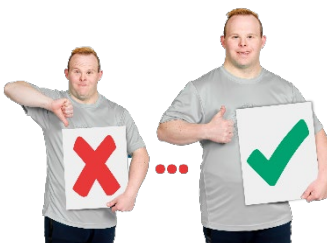
The framework is a guide to help health students learn about intellectual disability.



The Government has only promised to talk to universities about the framework.



The Centre thinks the Government should promise to make sure universities use the framework.



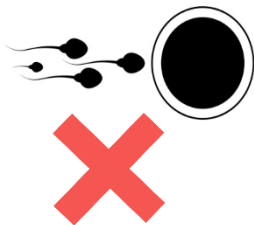
The framework is very important for making sure we can improve health care for people with intellectual disability.



The Government needs to show they are strong leader for people with intellectual disability by supporting the framework.



The DRC made an important suggestion about the **sterilisation** of people with disability.



Sterilisation is an operation that stops a person's body from releasing eggs or sperm.



When a person is sterilised, it means they cannot make a baby.



The DRC said that people with disability should only be sterilised if there is a good medical reason.

This is called **therapeutic sterilisation**.



The DRC said the government should ban sterilisation when there is not a good medical reason.

The Government did not agree to do this.



This means people with disability do not have the same rights as everyone else.



The Centre thinks everyone should have the same rights to make decisions about their bodies.



The DRC also has suggestions about how the Government can work better with First Nations people with disability.



The DRC said there should be a First Nations Disability Forum.

The Government did not give a clear answer about this.



The Centre thinks the Government should promise to make the First Nations Disability Forum.

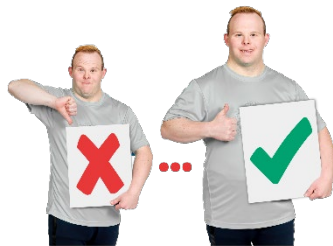


The Centre thinks that the Government's response was not good enough.

The Government needs to promise to do more work.



The Centre wants to keep working with the Government to improve intellectual disability health.



The Centre wants people with intellectual disability in Australia to have better health care.