



# What the Centre thinks about the DRC recommendations



The **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health** wrote this information.

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



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



This information says what the Centre thinks about the **Disability Royal Commission recommendations**.



The **Disability Royal Commission** looked into the big issues for people with disability.

We will say **DRC** for short.



**Recommendations** are things the DRC think should happen to make health better for people with intellectual disability.

# Changes for people with intellectual disability



The DRC said things need to change to make health better for all people with disability.



We agree with this.



But we think some of the changes need to be just for people with intellectual disability.



We know that people with intellectual disability die earlier than people without a disability.



This is because of things like the health support they get is not good enough.



There need to be health changes made for people with intellectual disability so this can stop.



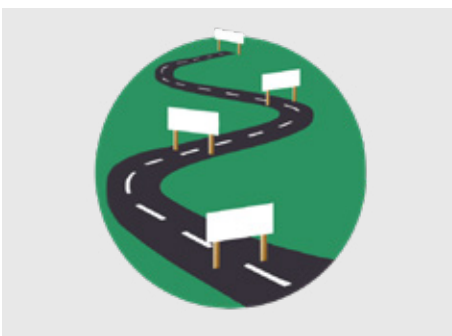
People with intellectual disability have said they want some health services that are just for them.



They want to have a say in how health programs are made so they know how they work.

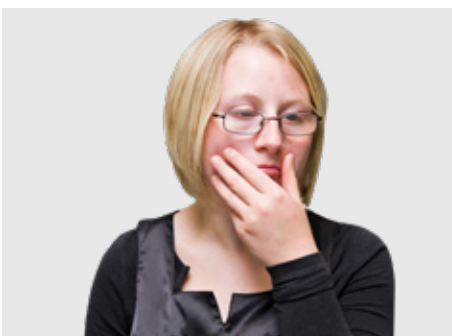


People with intellectual disability helped with a plan to make health better for people with intellectual disability.



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

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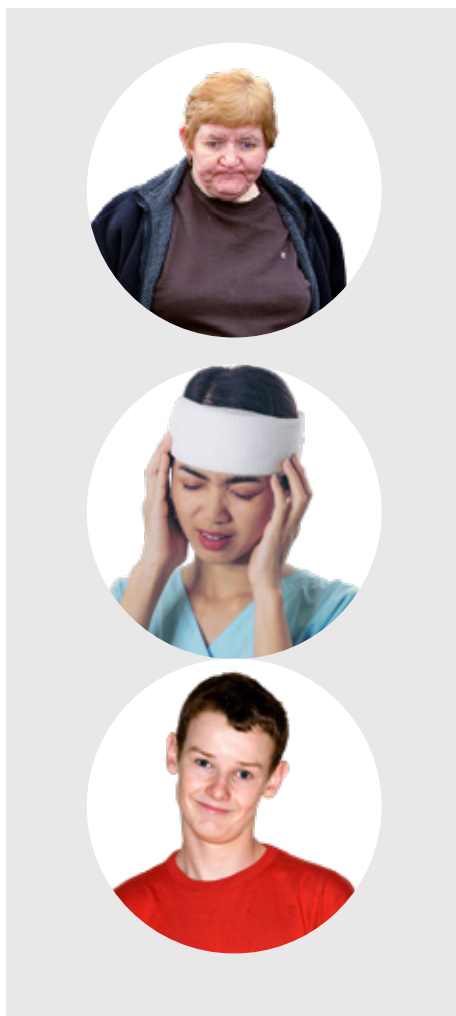
People with intellectual disability are worried about changing the Roadmap to support other **cognitive impairments.**

## Cognitive impairments are disability like

- Dementia

- Brain injury

- Autism.



People with intellectual disability might not get the health care they need if the Roadmap is changed.



The work we have done on the Roadmap for people with intellectual disability is ready to go.



That work is about what health staff need to know about intellectual disability.



We think that work should start now.



If we add other cognitive disabilities to the Roadmap the work will not start now.

If we start the work now we can learn



- What worked well



- What did not work well.



We can use what we learnt to support other groups like people with cognitive impairment.



# First Nations people with disability



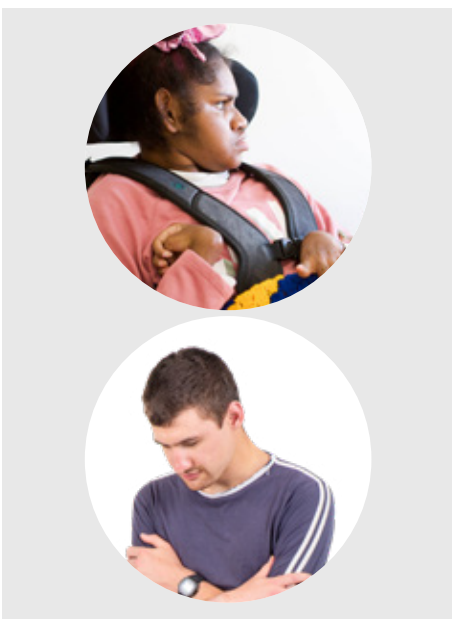
The DRC said there needs to be more work to look into what First Nations people with disability need.



We agree with this.



We can learn a lot from First Nations people.



To make health better for First Nations people we have to do things to stop

- **Racism**

- **Ableism.**



**Racism** means when First Nations people are treated bad because of who they are.



**Ableism** means when you are treated bad because of your disability.



We need to look at what **Closing the Gap** can do for First Nations people with disability.



**Closing the Gap** is a government plan to make things better for all First Nations people.

## We need to look at other areas



There are other areas the DRC made recommendations about.

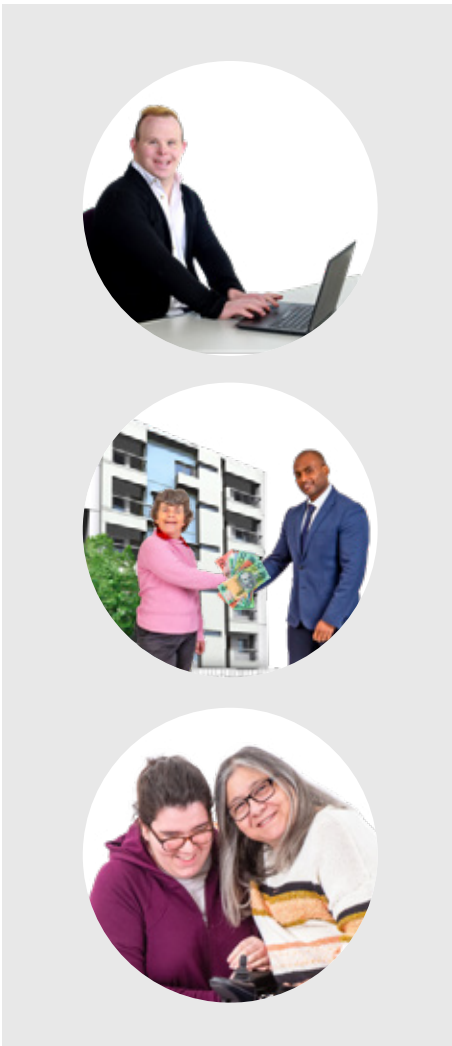


These areas are

- Jobs for people with intellectual disability
- Housing for people with intellectual disability
- People with intellectual disability making their own decisions.



We need to look at these areas to make health better for people with intellectual disability.



We need to make sure people with intellectual disability can

- Have good jobs
- Have safe housing they can easily use and pay for
- Make their own decisions with any support they need.



The Centre will work hard to make health better for people with intellectual disability.

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