



Australian  
Human Rights  
Commission

# Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

## Report to the United Nations

**July 2019**



**Easy Read**

## Background



People with disability have the same rights as other people.

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The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an international law that protects our rights.

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It is called the **CRPD** for short.

Australia has agreed to the CRPD.

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Australia is reviewed by the United Nations every 4 years on how we are doing at following the CRPD.

# Introduction



This report is made by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

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It is about how Australia is doing at protecting the rights of people with disability.

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It is an Easy Read summary of the Commission's report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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This report was made easy to read by Council for Intellectual Disability.

## Important Areas



The report covers all areas of human rights

- Health
  - Education and jobs
  - NDIS and support
  - Housing and where you live
  - Discrimination and inclusion
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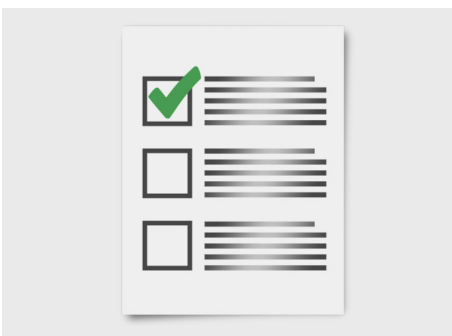
All human rights are important.

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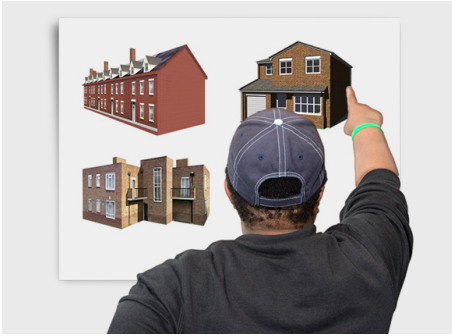
The report focuses on 3 really important areas.

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1. Making decisions
2. Freedom
3. Respect

## Making decisions



People with disability have the right to make their own decisions.

They have the right to have support to make decisions.

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This is called equal recognition before the law.

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Some Australian laws say some people with disability do not have the right to make decisions.

For example guardianship laws.

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### **We recommend**

Australia brings in a supported decision making law so everyone with disability has the right to make decisions.

# Freedom

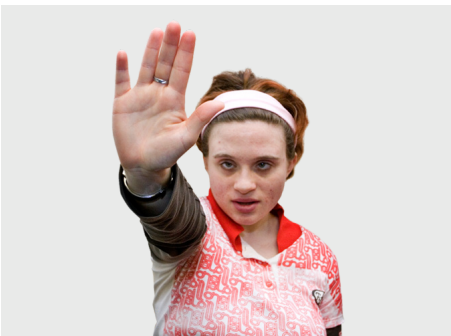


People with disability have the right to freedom.

This is called the right to liberty and security.

It means people can only be detained or held if there is a good reason.

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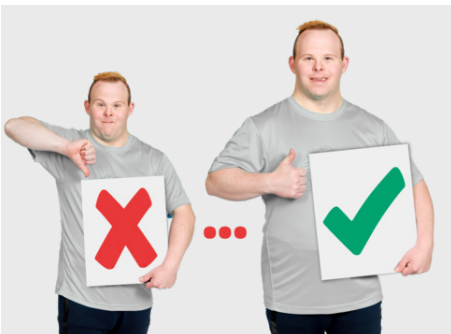
People with disability in Australia can have their freedom taken away in the criminal justice and mental health systems.

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Sometimes people with are held in prison even though they are not guilty of a crime.

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## We recommend

Australia change the laws so this does not happen.

# Respect



People with disability have the right to be respected and not to be mistreated.

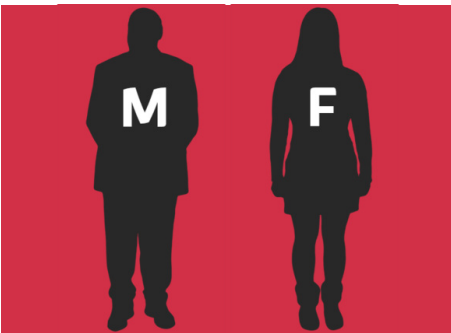
This is called integrity of the person.

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Some people are given medication or operations to stop them having babies without agreeing to it.

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Intersex people are born with physical sexual parts that do not fit with the medical norms of female or male bodies.

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Sometimes doctors do operations to change this without consent.

## We recommend


Australia change the laws to protect peoples rights.

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disability reviews Australia in September 2019.

## Recommendation

The Australian Human Rights Commission recommends The Committee request an update from the Australian Government on what they have done about these 3 areas in 12 months time.

### More information

 For more information on this report go to [www.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.humanrights.gov.au)

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