



Tuesday, 6 May 2014

Ms Sabina Wynn
Executive Director
Australian Law Reform Commission
GPO Box 3708, Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Wynn

We write in support of submissions made by NSW CID/SORO to the inquiry into, Equality, Capacity and Disability in Commonwealth Laws IP44.

"To promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent human dignity."

UN Convention on the Rights
of Persons with Disabilities

Through Speak Out Reach Out (SORO) NSW CID has held forums and discussions with people with intellectual disability and their supporters to enable them to have a direct say in how they make decisions, the support they want to make decisions and how they want their decisions protected. These, combined with NSW CID's long term expertise and experience in developing policy on decision making by people with intellectual disability make the submissions by NSW CID/SORO invaluable.

As people with intellectual disability become more active in their communities and with the many opportunities that the National Disability Insurance Scheme is presenting to people with intellectual disability, making and protecting the decisions in regard to their own lives has become a defining issue. NCID/Our Voice is pleased that ALRC is inquiring into this issue and we see the submissions by NSW CID/SORO as very important contributions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pattison', written in a cursive style.

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