

My Life. My Rights.

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SPEAKOUT
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There is an international convention on the Rights of People with Disability



It means that all countries who have signed up to the convention should make sure that people with disability are treated equally.



Australia signed the Convention in 2008.

It means the Australian government said it would make sure that people with disability are treated equally with everyone else.



A United Nations Committee reviews each country



Australia was reviewed by the Committee in 2013 and in 2019



Civil society delegates go to the United Nations in Geneva to report to the Committee.



Our Delegation

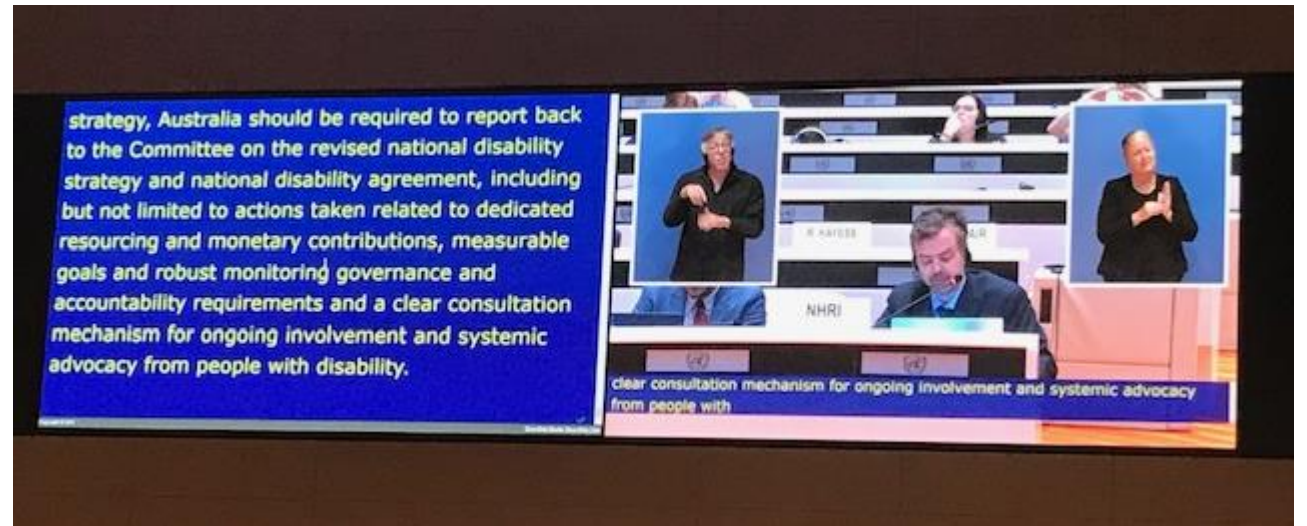


Delegate Leads Judy Huett, Speak Out Advocacy Tasmania and
Damian Griffis, First Peoples Disability Network

Civil Society delegates put advocacy into action.



Time to report



Sonia's experience



Sharing issues with the UN Committee
and Australian Government on

- Rights of parents
- Funding for advocacy services

Q & A



Does anyone have
questions for the team?

What the United Nations Committee had to say.

Australia should

- Distribute the UN recommendations widely
- Make a national government strategy to promote a positive image of people with disability and awareness of our rights
- Put in place supported decision-making instead of substitute decision making like Guardianship

What the United Nations Committee had to say.

Australia should

- Make it compulsory for police, prisons, lawyers, judges and court staff to have training around people with disability
- Develop a framework to close all institutions and not allow any young person to be living in aged care by 2025

What the Committee had to say.

Australia should

- Make sure no child is taken from its parents because the parent or child has a disability
- Make sure individual, independent advocacy is properly funded
- Make sure the NDIS works for everyone

What the Committee had to say.

Australia should

- Help people transition from sheltered workshops to open employment with fair pay
- Better non-discriminatory health care based on human rights
- There were lots of recommendations about the very poor treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability

Activity....

- Choose one of the recommendations the UN made
- Add your own message about why this is important
- Get a photo with your message and share on social media!
- Where else can you share your message?

What next....

- Use the recommendations in our advocacy work.
- Speak up about the rights of people with disability.



Thanks....

Thanks to the Australian
delegation and supporters.

Thanks to you for coming
today and hearing our story.

