

## What is the value of disability advocacy?

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CID member Anthony Mulholland talked to politicians at Parliament House in October.

Anthony told the politicians what our advocacy group thinks about how the NDIS is working.

Anthony was very confident.

The politicians listened to the important things Anthony talked about.

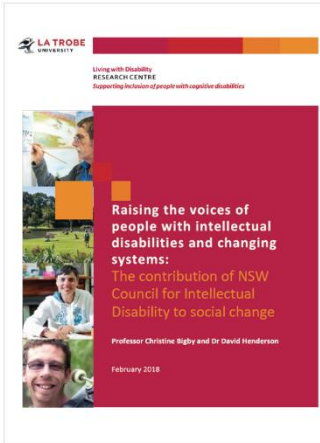
They said the information will help them make better choices about the NDIS.



CID helps make things better for people with intellectual disability by talking at Parliament House.

Professor Christine Bigby and Dr David Henderson are from La Trobe University.

They have written a report about how important our advocacy work is.



The report is called “Raising the voices of people with intellectual disabilities and changing systems”. It is on our website.

The report says our advocacy works well because:

- We include people with intellectual disability
- We help fix problems
- We work together with lots of different people

The report says that advocacy has changed things for people with intellectual disability.

It is important that the government keeps funding advocacy organisations like CID.



If there are no advocacy organisations the government

- Will not hear from people with intellectual disability
- Will not know how to make good laws and services.

One of the politicians Anthony spoke to said “Thank you for the wonderful advocacy work that you do.”