



A voice and support network for people with a disability

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Dear Integrated disAbility Action, Inc (IdA) Members and Community,

With a heavy heart, I watched the Four Corners program, which told a horrific story of abuse and neglect. Like so many stories we have heard, from the Disability Royal Commission and IdA's submission to Quality and Safeguards, the person with a disability is not heard.

The people with disabilities who are the most vulnerable in our society were not protected, heard, or supported.

The response from Quality and Safeguards during last night's program was disappointing. According to the NDIS Commission's website, "NDIS participants have the right to be safe and receive quality services from the providers and workers they choose to support them under the NDIS."

The NDIS Commission aims to uphold the rights of people with disabilities, including the right to dignity and respect and to live free from abuse, exploitation, and violence. This is in keeping with Australia's commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."

IdA feels we, as a community, are all responsible for each other. If the agency that is funded to "uphold the rights of people with disabilities" is not able to do so, we must find another way.

IdA, as a human rights-based organisation, says, "Enough is enough". No more violence, abuse, and neglect. I truly believe that by working together, we can stop this.

If you or someone you know, whether you are a member of the community, a support worker, a friend, or a person with a disability, if you need help and advice, please contact our service at (08) 8948 5400. If it is an emergency or you are afraid for someone urgently, please call 000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Wright".

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