

James Rees Secretary
Australian Government Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

James

Thanks for your email of 16 June to our IDA colleague Tina Minkowitz - advising that the Committee can receive late submissions regarding the CRPD (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).

RI supports the 19 June CRPD submission from Tina Minkowitz, on behalf of the IDA CRPD Forum, and we agree that *-Supported decision-making ... empowers all persons with disabilities with legal independence and the support needed to equalize conditions for effective decision-making.*

We also thank the Australian Government for 19 June News Release - advising that the Federal Parliament Treaties Committee has recommended that Australia expedite ratification of the CRPD - to provide the opportunity for Australia to participate in the CRPD Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In view of this pending Australian Government CRPD decision - we strongly recommend that the Government ratify the CRPD and Protocol - without reservations.

Regards

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