



The New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability

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Mr Ian Holland
Secretary
Select Committee on Mental Health
Parliament House
Canberra 2600

Dear Mr Holland,

I write to correct an error in our submission to the Committee. On page 3, we said that the Third National Mental Health Plan did not include a focus on people with intellectual disabilities.

We have discovered that the Plan does refer to “people with complex needs” who are not currently “optimally served” and states that governments undertake to “cater” for such people. People with complex needs in turn are defined to include various groups including people with intellectual disabilities.

We maintain that these references are not nearly an adequate reflection of the extent of the problems faced by people with intellectual disabilities in accessing appropriate mental health care. However, we felt we should correct our submission.

Yours sincerely,

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