# Our Submission to the 2022 Election Inquiry

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|  | This is an Easy Read version of an Inclusion Australia **submission**. |
|  | A **submission** is when we write to the government and tell them what we think. |
| Inquiry board, 3 people behind desk asking questions | This submission was for the **Inquiry into the 2022 federal election**. |
| Inquiry hands hold magnifying glassesVote 2 | The **Inquiry into the 2022 federal election** looked at how everything went when we voted for a new Australian government in 2022. |

**What did we say?**

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|  | We told the government about voting issues for people with an intellectual disability. |
| Vote 2Rights man | People with an intellectual disability have the right to vote and have a say about the government. |
| No sign outlineVote 2 | Many people with an intellectual disability do not get to vote. |
| Law UN Disability Rights | The United Nations **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability** tells us about the rights of people with disabilities.  We call it the **CRPD** for short. |
| Tick YesVoting Booth 2 | Article 29 of the CRPD says that people with a disability have the right to be part of voting just like everyone else. |
| Form Easy vs Jargon  Quiet3Tick YesTick YesCheck Easy Read 2 | This means that people with a disability have the right to   * Vote in a way that is easy to do and understand. * Vote in secret. * Have voting support in the way they want and when they need it. |
|  | Australia is not doing what the CRPD says about voting. |
| Vote 2Cross No | Many people with intellectual are not allowed to vote because of an old law from 1918. |
| The old law says people have an intellectual disability may not be able to vote because of what they call ‘unsound mind’.  This is unfair and rude. |
| Vote 2Cross No | This unfair law is being used often to stop people with an intellectual disability from voting. |
|  | Australian Lawyers for Human Rights wrote a letter in 2022 about changing the old law. |
| Form Sign Name | Inclusion Australia and 60 other organisations signed the letter to say we agree. |
|  | The law needs to change so people with intellectual disability can have their right to vote. |
|  | A group called the **Australian Law Reform Commission** shared ideas for how to change the law in 2014. |
|  | The government should use these ideas to change the law. |