



Know your Human Rights



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The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) is a type of treaty or agreement between countries that requires governments around the world, including the Australian government, to work to ensure the rights of people with disability are recognised, respected, protected and fulfilled.

The United Nations has written a list of rights for people with a disability called Articles.

These are YOUR rights.



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Being equal

Map of Australia represents everyone in the country with yarning circles for each State and Territory, plus the Torres Strait Islands. The red half-circle represents Canberra and parliament, where the laws are made for everyone. The black and white dots surrounding it all are for the multicultural population.



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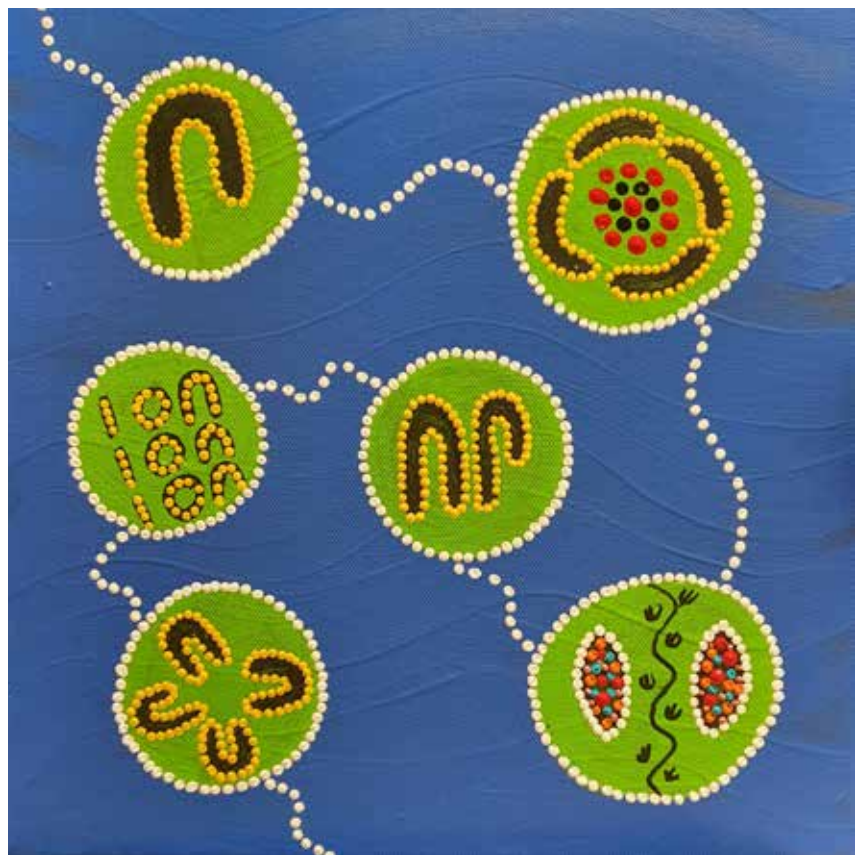


Equality and non-discrimination

Shows non-Indigenous Elders
who created these laws for everyone
including people with disability.



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Accessibility

Shows a person with disability being able to travel any place they want.

Staying overnight somewhere, sleeping around the campfire, eating what they want and where they want, forming relationships, friendships and participating in community.



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Equal recognition before the law

Shows a person with disability amongst non-disabled people having the same rights. The lines going out talk about their journeys in life and the right to participate in those journeys with the same rights as everyone else. The colours on either side talk about connection to mainland and Torres Strait Islander culture and the right to be recognised as traditional custodians (inherent) of your country.



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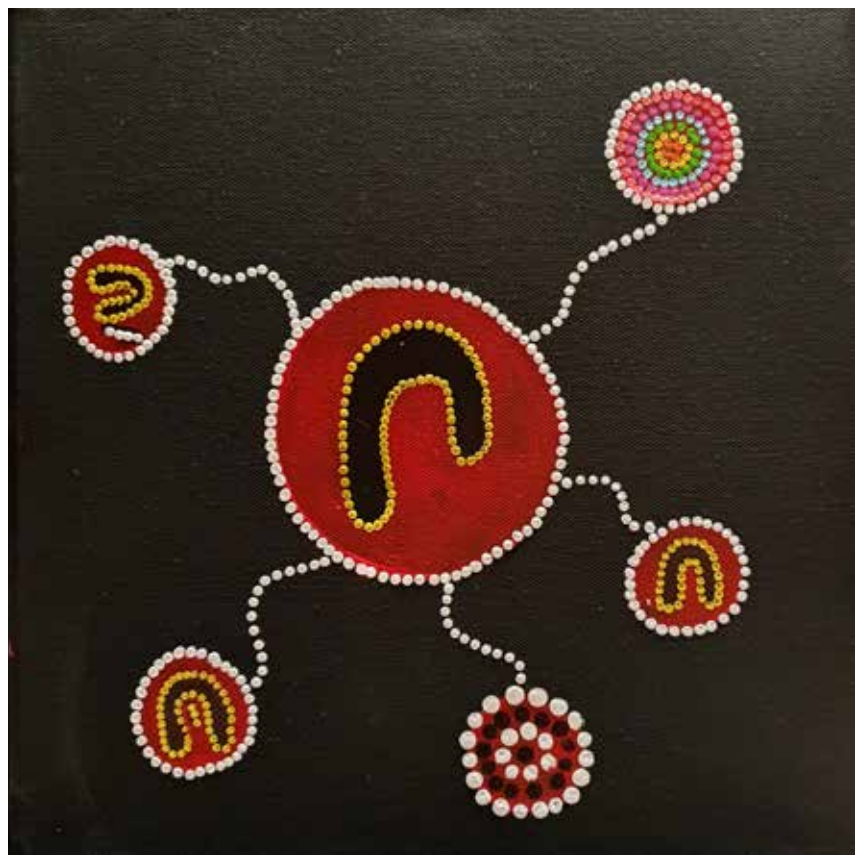


Access to justice

Shows a person being involved with the boys in blue, for whatever reason, and having the right to have professional advice and support and be properly represented if they go to court, by a court Elder and legal support when attending white fella court.



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Liberty and security of person

Shows a person with disability having the right to live their life whether they are male, female, multicultural or member of the LGBTIQA+ community.



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Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

Shows a person with disability being protected by Elders (the law makers) who are facing out to be protective of individuals, community and family. The shield represents protection from services, both non-Indigenous and Indigenous that might want to do the wrong thing.



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Liberty of movement and nationality

Shows a person with disability living with their parents, also having the choice to live culturally. The circles depicting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours show they can also live away from parents, live with someone else and travel across deep water and go overseas.



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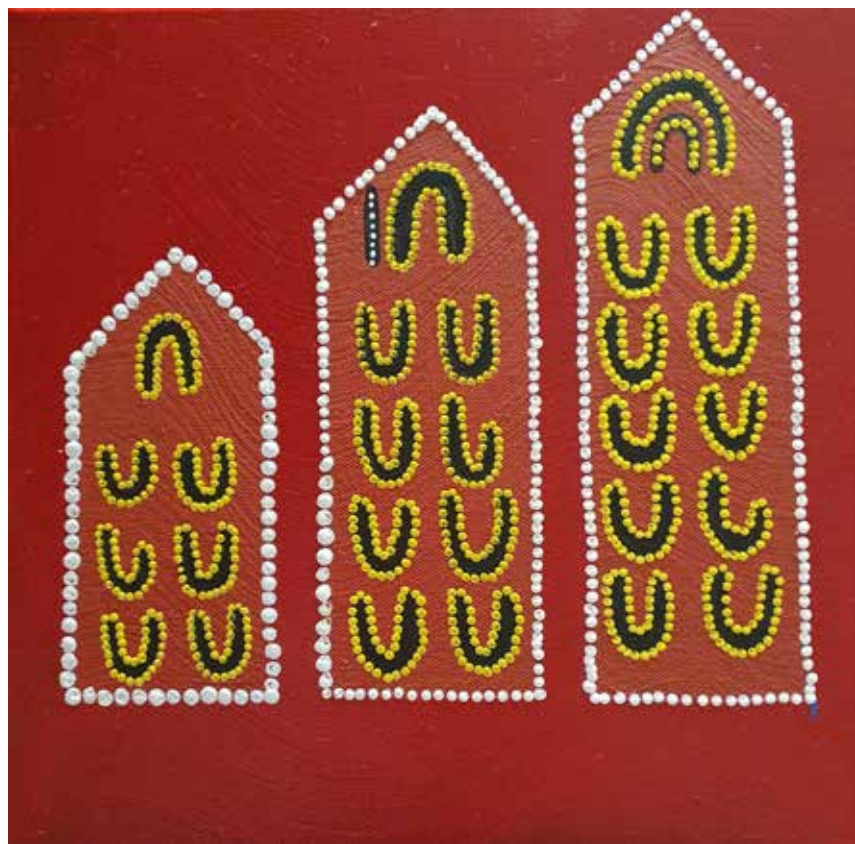


Living independently and being included in the community

A person with disability having the right to connect to country and their culture e.g. freshwater dreaming or saltwater dreaming, participate in community, have access to appropriate services and supports, form relationships and live with who they want.



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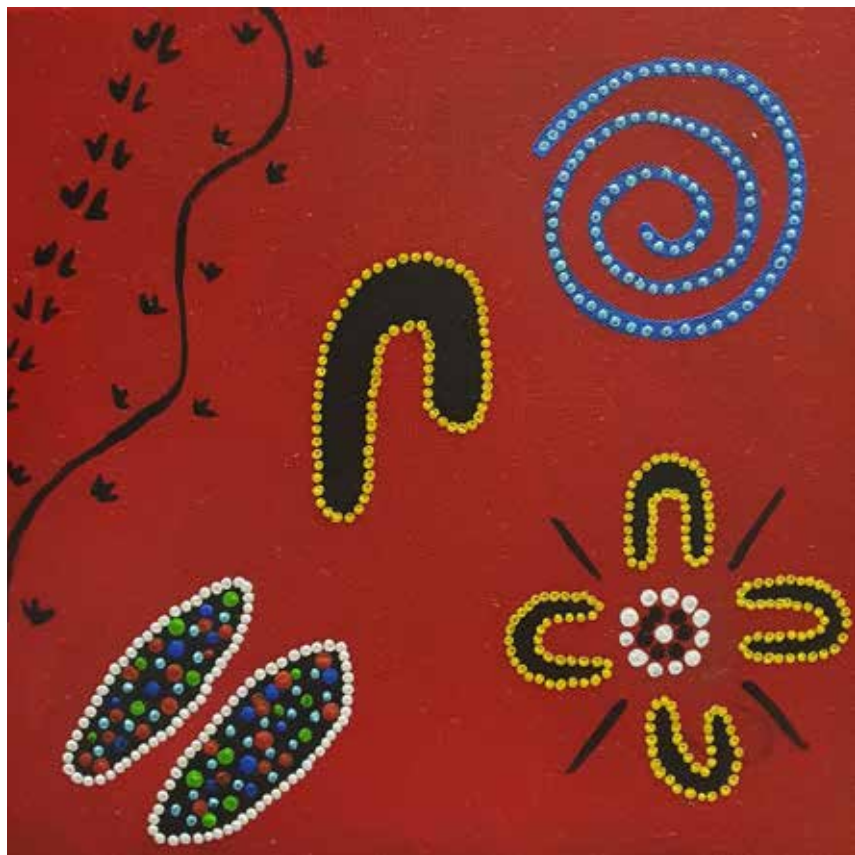


Education

Shows a person with disability attending educational institutions with everyone else. The three represent school, next along is TAFE represented by a slightly larger image with the teacher carrying a spear or digging stick representing teaching a trade or skill. The third represents University and being taught by a person of higher knowledge such as an Elder or professor.



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Adequate standard of living and social protection

Shows a person with disability having access to fresh food, bush tucker, and fresh water – represented by animal tracks and coolamon, and a safe place to live – represented by a yarning circle around a campfire.



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Many Tribes One Community

Is the story of First Peoples with disabilities, represented in our many language groups and communities across Australia, coming together and sharing our stories of strength and resilience.

First Peoples Disability Network Australia is a national organisation of and for Australia's First Peoples with disability, their families and communities. Its purpose is to promote respect for human rights, secure social justice, and empower First Peoples with disability to participate in Australian society on an equal basis with others. We are the custodians of the narratives of First Peoples with disability, their families and communities and we recognise this important responsibility. We follow the human rights framework established by the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, to which Australia is a signatory, and the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**.



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