**Australian Shadow Report Delegation Opening Statement**

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I’m Judy Huett a co-leader of the Australian delegation. I was here with the delegation 6 years ago and unfortunately, I’m going to talk about exactly the same things.

Despite the NDIS, new types of institutions are being built.

People with disability are still **not** being paid fairly in sheltered workshops and less than 1% go on to work in mainstream jobs.

Unemployment is double for people with disability.

This year I’ve had 7 friends under 60 die from preventable health issues. Over 50% of people with disability **do not** have access to the healthcare and treatments they need.

The voice of many is not heard because self advocacy and representation is under-funded and there is no formal way to engage with us around the CRPD.

Please come to our side event *o*n Wednesday at 1:45pm in this room, to hear more from the voices of people with disability in Australia.

Thank you