



Disability Royal Commission Australian Government Response: Volume 5

Governing for inclusion

Volume 5 examines existing national disability policy, strategy and governance arrangements. It includes 7 recommendations, 6 of which are within the Australian Government's primary or shared responsibility.

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Recommendation	Australian Government Response
5.1: Develop a National Disability Agreement	Subject to further consideration
5.2: Review and update Australia's Disability Strategy	Accept
5.4: Review national agreements, strategies and plans	Accept in principle
5.5: Establishment of a National Disability Commission	Subject to further consideration
5.6: New governance arrangements for disability	Note
5.7: Focal points across jurisdictions to implement the <i>CRPD</i>	Accept in principle

Key actions and initiatives

All governments have agreed to work together, and with the disability community, to:

- Implement legislative and other changes to the NDIS to improve the experience of participants and restore the original intent of the Scheme, within a broader ecosystem of supports.
- Jointly design additional Foundational Supports to be jointly funded through new Federal Funding Agreements, with additional costs split 50-50 between the Commonwealth and jurisdictions.
- Undertake a targeted review of *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-31* to identify practical process, governance and reporting improvements in response to issues identified in the Disability Royal Commission's inquiry and final report.

Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031 is being reviewed in 2024 to ensure it is strengthened as a key driver in delivering national change in response to the Disability Royal Commission. The Australian Government is working with state and territory governments, the Australian Local Government Association, Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council, and people with disability, their families and representative organisations on the review.

Government investment

Additional investment was announced in January 2024 in response to the NDIS Review to support access to supports both within and outside the NDIS, including through:

- **\$11.6 million** to support work to develop a Foundational Supports Strategy and to design additional foundational supports with states, territories and the community.
- **\$118.1 million** for design and consultation across key recommendations of the NDIS Review.