



# Responding to the Disability Royal Commission

To build on existing funding and commitments made over the last three Budgets totalling more than \$3 billion to build a more inclusive Australia for people with disability, the Australian Government is making a significant investment towards the first phase of its response to the Disability Royal Commission.

This initial package has a strong focus on better safeguarding in the community, enhancing human rights, and improving accessibility and inclusion. The Government has also committed to reviewing *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031* and consulting on a First Nations Disability Forum or other appropriate shared decision-making mechanism.



\$39.7 million in additional funding to establish a **new individual disability advocacy program**.

The new program will bring together current services to establish a streamlined and cohesive delivery model of ongoing individual disability advocacy supports.



\$12.3 million for a **national approach to accessible information and communications for people with disability**.

This includes the development of an Associated Plan under *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031*.



\$15.6 million to establish a **Quality and Safeguarding Framework and Disability Support Ecosystem Safeguarding Strategy**

to unify safeguarding arrangements for people with disability across Australia.



\$1.2 million towards a whole-of-government approach to **reduce and eliminate the use of restrictive practices**, through establishing targets and performance indicators within the NDIS and developing a joint action plan with states and territories.



\$6.9 million for **disability discrimination law reform**, to undertake a review and modernisation of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* in consultation with people with disability.



\$4.4 million to ensure people with disability have access to consistent **community visitor schemes** as a safeguarding mechanism.



\$12.1 million to **amend the Migration Health Requirement** to be fairer for children with disability who are born and living in Australia.



\$3.7 million to continue the **Primary Care Enhancement Program for People with Intellectual Disability**

to support access to health services for people with intellectual disability.



\$19.6 million to **lift disability responsiveness and capability of key professional workforces** and support **grassroots efforts to improve community attitudes** and understanding of disability.



**Measures already announced in the 2024-25 Budget**

\$227.6 million in additional funding to implement a **new specialist disability employment program** commencing 1 July 2025.

\$23.3 million to establish a **Disability Employment Centre of Excellence**.

\$2.6 million to continue the **National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline** and **Complaints Resolution and Referral Service**.



\$0.5 million to apply a disability lens to the **First Action Plan 2023-2027** of the **National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032** to identify how each action in the First Action Plan will address the needs of women and girls with disability.



\$0.25 million to ensure **guidance materials for family, domestic and sexual violence front line services** are accessible for women and girls with disability in Australia.



\$1.25 million to expand the **Safer Girls Safer Women** project to support women, girls and gender diverse people with disability, through implementing **best practice guidelines and learning resources and tools for workplaces** for sexual health, respectful relationships and consent education.

For more information about the Australian Government Response to the Disability Royal Commission, visit [www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response](http://www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response)

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TTY users — phone 133 677 and ask for the phone number you wish to contact.

Speak and Listen users — phone 1300 555 727 and ask for the phone number you wish to contact.