



Australian Government

Recommendations about what to do next

The Australian Government response to
the Disability Royal Commission

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Australian Government wrote this document.

When you read the word 'we', it means the Australian Government.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **23**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.



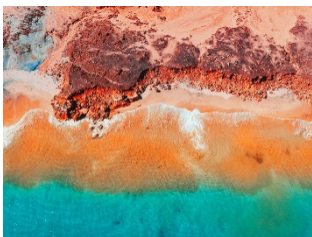
This document is quite long.

You don't need to read it all at once.

You can take your time.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of the land we live on – Australia.



They were the first people to live on and use the:

- land
- waters.

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About the Disability Royal Commission



We created a **royal commission** to find out how to make our community safer for people with disability.



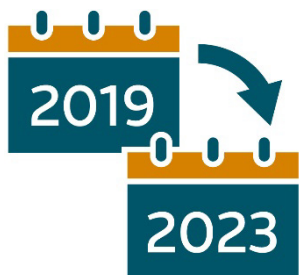
A royal commission is an official way of looking into a big problem.

It helps us work out what:

- has gone wrong
- we need to improve.

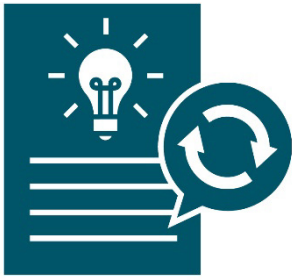


We call it the Disability Royal Commission.



The Disability Royal Commission ran from 2019 to 2023.

About the recommendations



The Disability Royal Commission shared ideas about what governments and services should change.

We call these ideas **recommendations**.



This document explains our response to Part 12 of the Disability Royal Commission's final report.



This document explains our response to recommendations about what governments need to do next.



This includes recommendations about making sure governments have good **data** about disability.



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.

Our response to the recommendations



On the following pages, we explain the recommendations we mostly agree with.

Respond to the recommendations



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about how governments should respond to their ideas.



The recommendation says governments should share their responses by 31 March 2024.

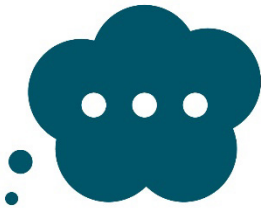
Governments should share which recommendations they:



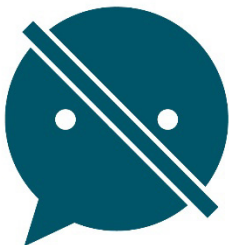
- agree with



- mostly agree with



- need to think more about



- cannot respond to.

The recommendation says governments should share:



- how they will support the recommendations they agree with or mostly agree with



- why they don't agree with some recommendations



- when they will decide what to do about some recommendations.



We mostly agree with this recommendation.

Report on work for the recommendations



The Disability Royal Commission shared recommendations about how governments should report on their work for the recommendations.



One recommendation says governments should report to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC).



The DRMC is a group of **ministers** who meet to talk about ideas to:

- support people with disability
- make government plans better.



A minister leads an area of the government.



The recommendation says governments should report to the DRMC every 6 months.

Governments should share information about:



- the work they are doing for each recommendation



- any risks or issues they have found.



One recommendation says we should report on the work governments are doing for each recommendation.



From 2025, we should report on the work of governments every year.



We mostly agree with this recommendation.

National Disability Commission reviews



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about a **review** of how well governments are responding to their ideas.



When you do a review, you look at what:

- worked well
- could be done better.



The review should also look at how the recommendations are improving the lives of people with disability.



We mostly agree with these recommendations.

Data from governments



The Disability Royal Commission shared recommendations to improve how governments collect data.



One of the recommendations says governments should work with the DRMC to create a way for them to collect data in the same way.



This includes agreeing on a set of questions to ask people about their disability.



One of the recommendations says governments should make a plan to collect more data about people with disability.

This includes data about:



- different groups of people with disability, such as women with disability



- people with disability in **segregated** settings, such as schools.



When something is segregated, it keeps people with disability separate from people without a disability.



We mostly agree with these recommendations.

Data from mainstream services



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to collect more data about people with disability from **mainstream services**.



Mainstream services are services for everyone in the community to use.



The recommendation says governments should create a plan to collect more data about people with disability from mainstream services.



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We mostly agree with this recommendation.

Support the National Disability Data Asset



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to support the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA).



The NDDA collects data from different parts of the government to help us understand the lives of people with disability.



The recommendation says that governments should keep supporting the NDDA with **funding**.

Funding is money from the government that pays for services and supports.

Governments should:



- share information every year about the NDDA data



- use the NDDA to collect data for different projects.



We mostly agree with this recommendation.

What we will pay for

We will pay to improve or create:



- programs



- supports



- services.



This includes **\$31.4 million** to run the NDDA.

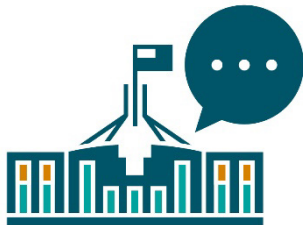
Important actions and plans



Governments have already agreed to start working together on some important actions and plans with the disability community.



These actions and plans will support the recommendations about what governments need to do next.



The DRMC will make sure governments respond to the Disability Royal Commission's ideas.

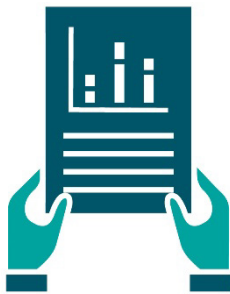


Every year, we will report on the work governments are doing for each recommendation.

Governments will keep:



- collecting data about people with disability



- sharing data about people with disability.



This data will help governments learn how to protect people with disability from **abuse**.



Abuse is when someone treats you badly.



Governments will support the work of Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031.

This is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.



We will look at:

- what data is still missing
- how we will collect the missing data.



We will share what we find out in December 2024.



We will keep supporting the NDDA.



This includes:

- funding to run the NDDA
- collecting data for different projects.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



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Recommendations

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We call these ideas recommendations.



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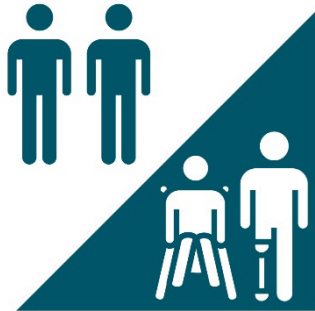
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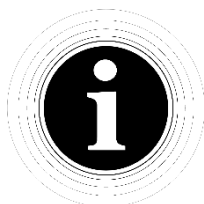
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