



# **Disability Royal Commission Interim Update**

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The Australian Capital Territory Government wrote this.

We call it ACT Government for short.

When you see the word **we** it means the ACT Government.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.  
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

Not bold

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



You can look at the other updates in Easy Read.

They have information about

- All governments working together
- NDIS
- States and territories.

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You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



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

- Land
- Waters.

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# Disability Royal Commission



The **Disability Royal Commission** looked at how people with disability are treated.

We call it DRC for short.



DRC wrote a report.

The report was split up into 12 parts.



The report had **recommendations**.

Recommendations are ideas to do things better.



The report had a lot of recommendations.

This will help things be better for people with disability.



We want Australia to be a place where people with disability

- Are safe



- Have their **rights** protected

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equally.



We want Australia to be a place where people with disability

- Are respected



- Can take **risks**

Risks are doing things and something bad might happen.



- Live the lives that they want to.



This would make Australia an **inclusive** place for everyone.

Inclusive is when everyone

- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.



# Government responses



Governments read the recommendations.

Governments wrote what they think about the recommendations.

They put this in a report.



The report was shared on 31 July 2024.

All governments worked on this report.

That is

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments.



State and territory governments also wrote their own reports.



To get ideas on what to do better the government will work with

- People with disability



- Disability Representative Organisations



- Disability **advisory groups**.

Advisory groups are groups of people who know a lot about something.



This update talks about **some** things the **Australian Capital Territory Government** has done so far.

It does **not** talk about **all things** the government is doing.

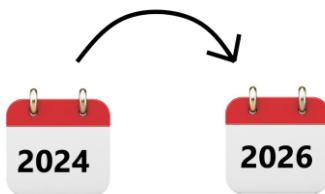
# Health



The ACT Government has been working on

- The ACT Disability Health Strategy 2024 to 2033.

A strategy is a plan of what needs to be done.



Its First Action Plan goes from 2024 to 2026.

This says how the ACT Government will work on the strategy.

They will make sure people with disability in ACT have healthcare that



- Is inclusive

Inclusive is when everyone

- Can **take part**

Feel like they **belong**.



- Is person centred

This is for all people with disability.



People who

- Have NDIS
- Do **not** have NDIS.

The ACT Disability Health Reference Group has been started to make sure the



- Strategy
- First Action Plan

Do what they say they will.

# Education



The ACT Government shared a strategy in December 2023

It is called

- Inclusive Education A Disability Inclusive Strategy for ACT Public Schools 2024 to 2034.



A strategy is a plan of what needs to be done.

It also has a First Action Plan that goes from 2024 to 2026.

This says how the ACT Government will work on the strategy.



This will help children with disability in ACT be included more in public schools.



We passed laws to make sure children with disability can get reasonable adjustments at their local school.



There will be new staff working to help children with disability find jobs when they finish school.



There will be new staff to help teachers know how to meet the needs and wants of children with disability.

# Justice



On 28 August 2024 the ACT Government shared the

- ACT **Disability Justice Strategy** Second Action Plan 2024 to 2028.

We call it DJS Second Action Plan for short.



Justice is

- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.



The DJS Second Action Plan does some of the recommendations from the DRC.



The DJS has a **roadmap**.

A roadmap is a step by step plan for how to do something.



The roadmap will help the ACT justice system think about

- Protecting the rights of people with disability



- What people with disability need.



# Contact us



You can contact us if you **need more information.**



You can send us an email.

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You can look at our website.

[www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response](http://www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response)



You can get help and support.

[www.dss.gov.au/help-and-support-disability](http://www.dss.gov.au/help-and-support-disability)



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