Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Australian Capital Territory

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| **ACT government logo** |

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| **ACT government logo** | 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. |
|  | We have some words in **bold**.  This means the letters are thicker and darker.  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.   [www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response](http://www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response) |
|  | 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

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|  | 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

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|  | 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

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|  | 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**. |
| A group of people with a person in a wheelchair in the center, encircled by a 'Person Centred' banner. | * Is person centred |
| Four diverse individuals in front of a white projection screen, two in wheelchairs, one with a white cane. | This is for all people with disability.  People who   * Have NDIS * Do **not** have NDIS. |
| A group of five people sitting around a table having a discussion. | The ACT Disability Health Reference Group has been started to make sure the   * Strategy * First Action Plan   Do what they say they will. |

## Education

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| A calendar with a red and white square with black text saying december 2023  An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | 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. |
| Two young women sitting at a table, raising their right hands as if about to high-five. | This will help children with disability in ACT be included more in public schools. |
| Three people, an adult and two children, working together at a table. | We passed laws to make sure children with disability can get reasonable adjustments at their local school. |
| Three people standing together, smiling and casually dressed. | There will be new staff working to help children with disability find jobs when they finish school. |
| Three individuals with a headteacher in the foreground wearing a purple sweater and lanyard. | There will be new staff to help teachers know how to meet the needs and wants of children with disability. |

## Justice

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| Calendar icon showing August 28  white police car with blue checksa teal icon of a gavel and hammer | 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. |
| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | The DJS Second Action Plan does some of the recommendations from the DRC. |
| A roadmap with calendar pages from March to June, showing steps in a journey. | The DJS has a **roadmap**.  A roadmap is a step by step plan for how to do something. |
| A diverse group of seven smiling people, including a woman in a wheelchair. | The roadmap will help the ACT justice system think about   * Protecting the rights of people with disability |
| A woman writing on a clipboard, a golden retriever, and a man in a suit with a speech bubble above. | * What people with disability need. |

## Contact us

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| teal arrow with lines | You can look at our website.  [**www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response**](http://www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response) |
| Woman at a desk with envelopes and papers, asking for help. | 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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