



Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

December 2024



An Australian Government state and
territory government initiative



Australian Government



Queensland Government



GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Australian Government

The Australian Government wrote this.

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



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

Not bold

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.

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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.



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 that the government has done so far.



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

Australia's Disability Strategy



The government is all working together on some of the recommendations.

That is

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments.



Creating an inclusive community together

The government did a **review** of **Australia's Disability Strategy**.

We call it ADS for short.

A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.





ADS is the governments way of working together to support people with disability live good lives.

They do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.



They wrote a report about the changes to ADS.

It was shared in December 2024.

The changes are

- Updating ADS
- New **Targeted Action Plans.**

TAPs



We call them TAPs for short

TAPS help governments focus on certain areas.

The new TAPs are



1

- **Inclusive** homes and communities



Inclusive is when everyone

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



2

- Community **attitudes**

Attitudes are what people



- Think
- Feel
- Believe.



3

- Safety rights and **justice**



Justice is



- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.

Health navigators



All governments are looking at how **disability health navigators** work.

Disability health navigators support people with disability to use health services.

They help all people with disability.



Governments are looking to see if disability navigators could be the same in all states and territories.

They have set up a group to work with the states and territories.

It will work until 2026.

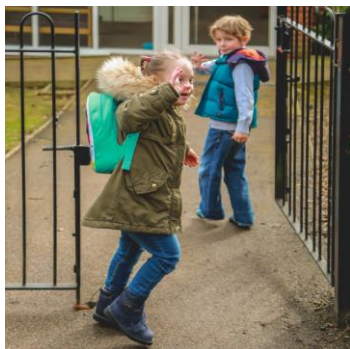
Education



The Department of Education is working on new training for teachers and school leaders.



This will help schools be more inclusive.



More people with disability will be able to

- Go to school
- Join in.

Just like people **without** disability.

Keeping women and children with disability safe



All governments are working on the National Plan to End **Violence** against Women and Children 2022 to 2032.

Violence includes when someone

- Hurts you
- Scares you
- Controls you.



This plan will help women and children to

- Live safely
- Be hurt less.

The government will keep working to stop violence against



- Women with disability
- Girls with disability.



All governments are working on a **framework** to work with the First Action Plan 2023 to 2027.

A framework is a document saying how we will do something.



This was shared in August 2023.

This will help the government to see what issues there might be for people with disability.

First Nations people with disability



People are working together on the **Disability Sector Strengthening Plan**.

Including the

- Department of Social Services
- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- First Peoples Disability Network.

We call it the DSSP for short.



It is a plan about things that are important to make the **community controlled** disability sector better.

Community controlled means run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities.



They will make a **framework**.

A framework is a document saying how we will do something.

The framework will make the DSSP better at supporting First Nations people with disability.

Contact us



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You can look at our website.

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



You can get help and support.

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