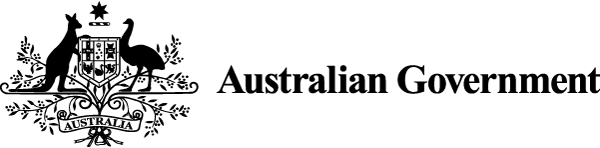
Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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| Victorian State Government logo | Western Australia government logo |

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| Australian Government logo | The Australian Government wrote this.  When you see the word **we** it means the Australian Government. |
| A person holding a white book with easy read on the cover | We wrote this in an easy to read way.  We use pictures to explain some ideas. |
| The word bold is in bold and the words not bold are in plain text | We have some words in **bold**.  This means the letters are thicker and darker.  These are important words. |
| An easy read document with pictures and lines for text. | This is an Easy Read summary of another document.  This means it has the most important ideas. |
| A young woman with glasses holding a sign that says 'easy read'. | 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) |
| Two people with their arms around each other with thumbs up. | You can ask for help to read this document.  You can ask   * A friend * Family members * A support person. |
| cartoon of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in the background | We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on. |
| teal map of australia | They were the **first people** to live on and use the   * Land * Waters. |

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Disability Royal Commission

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| Three people using magnifying glasses to examine something closely. | The **Disability Royal Commission** looked at how people with disability are treated.  We call it DRC for short. |
| An icon of a blue book and pen | DRC wrote a report.  The report was split up into 12 parts. |
| Smiling elderly woman in purple with a light bulb illustration. | The report had **recommendations**.  Recommendations are ideas to do things better. |
| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | The report had a lot of recommendations.  This will help things be better for people with disability. |
| A diverse group of five people standing closely together, smiling, and holding hands. with a banner with the Australian map and a kangaroo in teal and white | We want Australia to be a place where people with disability   * Are safe |
| A group of people in white t-shirts giving thumbs up | * Have their **rights** protected   Rights are **rules** about treating everyone   * Fair * Equally. |
| Two women smiling, one standing and holding the hand of the other seated in a wheelchair. | We want Australia to be a place where people with disability   * Are respected |
| A person in a striped shirt thinking with a checkmark and an 'X' in a thought bubble. | * Can take **risks**   Risks are doing things and something bad might happen. |
| A diverse group of five individuals, including a person in a wheelchair and a person with crutches, standing together and smiling. | * Live the lives that they want to. |
| people posing for a photo | 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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| An icon of a group of people in a circle | Governments read the recommendations.  Governments wrote what they think about the recommendations.  They put this in a report. |
| A teal icon of parliament house | The report was shared on 31 July 2024.  All governments worked on this report.  That is   * Australian Government * State and territory governments. |
| an icon of the map of Australia in teal with a kangaroo | State and territory governments also wrote their own reports. |
| Group of five diverse individuals with disabilities smiling and standing together. | The government will work with   * People with disability |
| A diverse group of people, including a woman in a wheelchair, seated around tables at a conference, with a woman standing and speaking into a microphone. | * Disability Representative Organisations |
| Five people sitting around a table discussing and reviewing papers. | * Disability **advisory** **groups**.   Advisory groups are groups of people who know a lot about something. |
| teal icon of parliament house | 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

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| teal icon of parliament house | The government is all working together on some of the recommendations.  That is   * Australian Government * State and territory governments. |
| Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031, Creating an inclusive community together logo.  Man looking through a magnifying glass while wearing a blue checkered shirt. | 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. |
| group of poeple talking together with speech bubbles above their heads | 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. |
| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | They wrote a report about the changes to ADS.  It was shared in December 2024. |
| 3 small books with images on the front and the words taps above | The changes are   * Updating ADS * New **Targeted Action Plans**.   We call them TAPs for short  TAPS help governments focus on certain areas. |
| map of Australia made up of lots of different people | The new TAPs are  1   * **Inclusive** homes and communities |
| 3 people with thumbs up | Inclusive is when everyone   * Can **take part** * Feel like they **belong**. |
| A diverse group of eight people, including one in a wheelchair, standing together and interacting. | 2   * Community **attitudes** |
| 3 images of the same person showing different emotions | Attitudes are what people   * Think * Feel * Believe. |
| balanced scales | 3   * Safety rights and **justice** |
| white police car with blue checks  a teal icon of a gavel and hammer | Justice is   * The law * Police * The courts * Prisons. |

## Health navigators

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| Woman standing with six smaller images of different people and settings surrounding her, connected by lines. | 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. |
| an icon of the map of Australia in teal with a kangaroo | 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

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| A woman gesturing towards a blackboard. | The Department of Education is working on new training for teachers and school leaders. |
| Modern classroom with eight desks and blue chairs arranged in two rows facing a large white projection screen. | This will help schools be more inclusive. |
| Two children near a gate, one wearing a green parka and teal backpack, the other in a blue vest. | 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

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| An icon of a blue and white megaphone | 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. |
| Two people forming a heart shape with their arms while holding hands and smiling. | This plan will help women and children to   * Live safely * Be hurt less. |
| A teal icon of parliament house | The government will keep working to stop violence against   * Women with disability * Girls with disability. |
| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist  calendar icon with August 2023 on it | 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

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| illustration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with flags in the background.  Illustration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people talking | 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. |
| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | 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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| teal circle with white i in the middle | You can contact us if you **need more information.** |
| teal envelope | You can send us an email.  [**DRCTaskforceSecretariat@dss.gov.au**](mailto:DRCTaskforceSecretariat@dss.gov.au) |
| 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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