



Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

December 2024



An Australian Government state and
territory government initiative

NDIS





Australian Government





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

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 government has done so far.

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





The government that has worked on changes to make the NDIS better.

That is

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments.

Employment



The government wrote the **Participant Employment Strategy 2024 to 2027**.

We call it the Employment Strategy for short.

Employment means you

- Have a job
- Go to work
- Get paid.

It was shared in March 2024.



The Employment Strategy is the plan for how the NDIS will support people with disability to

- Find a job
- Keep a job.



There are 4 areas they are focusing on.



1

- Good planning



2

- Better job supports



3

- Supporting **employers**

An employer pays someone money to do a job.



4

- Better supports for everyone.

Supporting First Nations people with disability



The National Disability Insurance Agency runs the NDIS.

We call it the NDIA



The DRC shared a recommendation to change the law about leaders in the NDIA.



The law says the NDIA has to have at least 1 First Nations person as a leader.



The NDIA is working on ways to better support First Nations people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



This includes making sure the NDIS

- Focuses more on cultural safety
- Is more **accessible**.

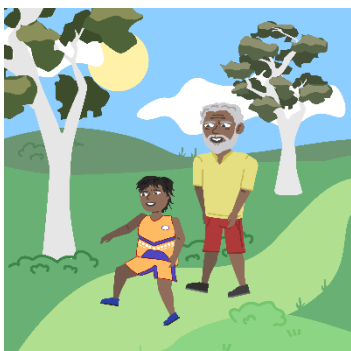
Accessible means everyone can use it.



The law that explains how the NDIS works has been changed.

This will help people with disability get support to take part in their culture.

Your culture is



- Your way of life
- How you think or act now because of how you grew up
- Your beliefs
- What is important to you.

Support Coordination



The government looked at making sure all people involved in the NDIS learn about **conflict of interests**.

That is

- People with disability
- NDIS providers.



Conflicts of interest are when someone could affect a decision so the result is better for them.

But they are **not** good for you.

Like if a support coordinator wants you to use their workers too because it will help them.

The government said



- How to deal with conflicts of interest with NDIS supports
- NDIS provider **responsibilities**.

Responsibilities are what NDIS providers have to do.

Decision making



NDIS Quality
and Safeguards
Commission

The **NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission**



- Makes sure NDIS providers are doing a good job
- Listens to **complaints** about NDIS services.

We call them the NDIS Commission for short.



The NDIS Commission is making some online learning for support workers about **Positive Behaviour Support**.

We call it PBS for short.



PBS helps people with disability live good lives.



PBS learning will be on the website from July 2025.

The training is for support workers.



It will be free.

Safeguarding



The NDIS Commission is working on changing laws to help protect people with disability better.



They are working on laws to help to **safeguard** people with disability.

Safeguard means to protect peoples

- Health
- **Wellbeing**
- Rights.

Wellbeing means being happy and healthy.

Contact us

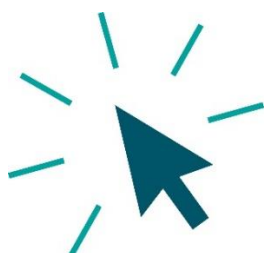


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