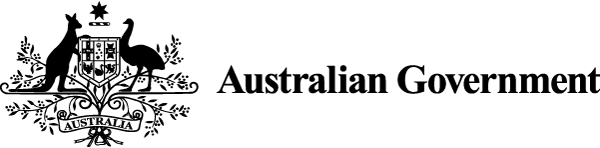
Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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| Northern Territory Government Logo | Queensland Government logo |
| SA government logo | **Tasmania government logo** |
| 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. | To get ideas on what to do better 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 the government has done so far.  It does **not** talk about **all things** the government is doing. |
| NDIS logo with a tick | The government that has worked on changes to make the NDIS better.  That is   * Australian Government * State and territory governments. |

## Employment

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| An icon of a clipboard with a pen and checklist | 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. |
| An icon of a magnifying glass over people | The Employment Strategy is the plan for how the NDIS will support people with disability to   * Find a job * Keep a job. |
| Person writing on a checklist held by another hand. | There are 4 areas they are focusing on. |
| A diverse group of six people pointing at something on a table. | 1   * Good planning |
| Man holding a CV sign with sections for education, skills, and experience. | 2   * Better job supports |
| Man in a business suit talking on the phone and writing in a notebook at a desk. | 3   * Supporting **employers**   An employer pays someone money to do a job. |
| Three people giving thumbs-up, wearing professional attire and ID badges. | 4   * Better supports for everyone. |

## Supporting First Nations people with disability

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| NDIA logo | The National Disability Insurance Agency runs the NDIS.  We call it the NDIA |
| An icon of a group of people in a circle | The DRC shared a recommendation to change the law about leaders in the NDIA. |
| illustration of 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as leaders | The law says the NDIA has to have at least 1 First Nations person as a leader. |
| illustration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with flags in the background | The NDIA is working on ways to better support First Nations people with disability who take part in the NDIS. |
| Person in an electric wheelchair on a portable ramp, smiling. | This includes making sure the NDIS   * Focuses more on cultural safety * Is more **accessible**.   Accessible means everyone can use it. |
| NDIS logo with a tick  illustration of 2 First Nations people walking | 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

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| Three men standing, one in front giving a thumbs-down, the others in casual and formal attire. | The government looked at making sure all people involved in the NDIS learn about **conflict of interests**.  That is   * People with disability * NDIS providers. |
| Person seated at a table with thought bubbles showing thumbs-up and thumbs-down gestures. | 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. |
| Elderly person holding a piece of paper with a numbered list. | 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

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| ndis commission logo  A woman in a red sweater points her finger at a man in a grey coat during a serious conversation. | 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. |
| A young person with glasses looking at a laptop on a blue table. | The NDIS Commission is making some online learning for support workers about **Positive Behaviour Support**.  We call it PBS for short. |
| A person with spiked hair and a broad smile, wearing a blue and white patterned fleece jacket. | PBS helps people with disability live good lives. |
| calendar icon of July 2025  fanned out money with a red cross on it | PBS learning will be on the website from July 2025.  The training is for support workers.  It will be free. |

## Safeguarding

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| White hardcover book with 'RULES' on the cover, featuring a green checkmark and a red 'X'. | The NDIS Commission is working on changing laws to help protect people with disability better. |
| An icon of a blue and white shield with a check mark | 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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| 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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