



# **Disability Royal Commission Interim Update**

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Australian Government



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**Australian Government**



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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 that the Australian Government has done so far.



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

# Moving to Australia Law



The Australian Government has made changes to the Migration Regulations 1994 **law**.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.

This law is about people moving to Australia from different countries.



The government made changes to the rules about **visa** applications.

A visa is a document that says you can go to another country for a certain amount of time.



The changes are about children with health problems or a disability who are

- Living in Australia
- Born in Australia.

# Healthcare



The Australian Government has been working on 3 different things in healthcare to help people with disability.

1



The Australian Government wrote the **Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework**.

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

It was shared in April 2024.



This says what people learning to work in healthcare need to know to care for people with intellectual disability.

2



The government made changes to the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program.



This helps GPs checks to keep people healthy.

The assessments are for people with intellectual disability who are

- Adults
- Young people.

3



The Australian Government is almost finished the Autism Health Roadmap.

The government has been working with the community to make the roadmap.



It will help improve

- Health
- Mental health

For Autistic people.

# More people with disability working in the government



The Australian Public Service Commission is looking at how to support more people with disability to get jobs in the government.

Like **workplace adjustments**.

Workplace adjustments are changing things in the workplace so people can work at their best.



They might be

- Finding new ways to do things
- Having different equipment
- Different support
- Changing the workplace.



This could help more people with disability get a job in the government.



The government has an idea of how many people with disability should work in the government.

They call these employment targets.



They are looking to see if these targets are

- Helpful
- Do what they say they are going to do.

# Contact us



You can contact us if you **need more information.**



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You can get help and support.

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