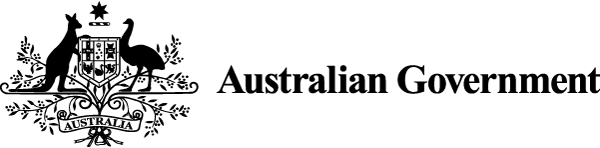
Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Australian Government

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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 that the Australian Government has done so far.  It does **not** talk about **all things** the Australian Government is doing. |

## Moving to Australia Law

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| a book with rules on the front and a green tick and red cross | 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. |
| A clipboard with a green check mark  an icon of the map of Australia in teal with a kangaroo | 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

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| Two people standing next to a presentation easel with a checklist. | The Australian Government has been working on 3 different things in healthcare to help people with disability. |
| calendar icon with April 2024 on it | 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. |
| A woman gesturing towards a blackboard with a teal hand icon pointing to a heart | This says what people learning to work in healthcare need to know to care for people with intellectual disability. |
| An open book with an assessment checklist and a person in a suit taking notes. | 2  The government made changes to the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program. |
| A professional woman writing at her desk in an office, with a computer and stethoscope nearby. | This helps GPs checks to keep people healthy.  The assessments are for people with intellectual disability who are   * Adults * Young people. |
| A roadmap with calendar pages from March to June, showing steps in a journey. | 3  The Australian Government is almost finished the Autism Health Roadmap. |
| Two men holding signs with thumbs up and thumbs down gestures. | 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

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| An icon of a magnifying glass over people  Woman in a wheelchair on a ramp pointing at an 'easy read' document with a stopwatch and speech bubble. | 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. |
| Person in a grey checkered blazer with a red lanyard and ID badge. | This could help more people with disability get a job in the government. |
| Archery target with a black arrow pointing upwards in the centre. | The government has an idea of how many people with disability should work in the government.  They call these employment targets. |
| Three people standing behind a large whiteboard, looking at it intently. The whiteboard has the employment icon and a target. | They are looking to see if these targets are   * Helpful * Do what they say they are going to do. |

## 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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