



Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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New South Wales



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The New South Wales Government wrote this.

We call it NSW Government for short.

When you see the word **we** it means the NSW Government.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

We have some words in **bold**.

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.



- 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.



The government will work with

- People with disability



- Disability Representative Organisations

We call them DROs for short.



- Disability **advisory groups**.

Advisory groups are groups of people who know a lot about something.

This update talks about **some** things the **New South Wales Government** has done so far.

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



Reviewing Disability Plans



The NSW Government is looking at and updating the

- Disability Inclusion Plan 2025 to 2029.



This includes work towards

- DRC recommendations



- NDIS Review



- Changes to **Australia's Disability Strategy.**



Creating an inclusive community together

Australia's Disability Strategy is the governments way of working together to support people with disability to live good lives.



We call it ADS for short.

They do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.

TAPs



- **New Targeted Action Plans.**

Targeted Action Plans are the small plans in ADS.

We call them TAPs for short.

This will help the NSW Government work on things to make communities more



- Accessible
- Inclusive.

NSW Disability Advocacy Futures Program



In March 2024 the NSW Government said it will spend more money for the

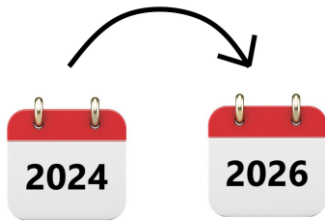
- **NSW Disability Advocacy Futures Program.**

We call it DAFP for short.



DAFP helps people with disability and their families to get more **advocacy**.

Advocacy is when someone speaks up for you when you can **not** speak up for yourself.



The extra money means that DAFP can do this for another 2 years.



In November 2024 the NSW Department of Education said they would put some extra money into DAFP too.



This will help people with disability who

- Want to go
- Already go

To public school in NSW to be supported.

Enrolments



The NSW Department of Education did a review of its **enrolment policy**.

Enrolments are when you fill out a form to be put on a list for something.

Like school.

These changes will start from Term 1 2025.



Schools will also need to look at enrolments for children from out of their area who need support.

These children might need

- **Reasonable adjustments**
- Extra support at school.



Reasonable adjustments are changes that can be made to support people with disability.



Like

- Extra help
- Changing the environment
- Having other ways to complete tasks.

Contact us



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