Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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New South Wales

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| NSW government Logo | 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. |
| 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. | * 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. | 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   We call them DROs for short. |
| 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. |
| NSW government Logo | 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

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | The NSW Government is looking at and updating the   * Disability Inclusion Plan 2025 to 2029. |
| Smiling elderly woman in purple with a light bulb illustration. | This includes work towards   * DRC recommendations |
| NDIS Review logo | * NDIS Review |
| Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031, Creating an inclusive community together logo. | * Changes to **Australia’s Disability Strategy.** |
| Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031, Creating an inclusive community together logo.  group of poeple talking together with speech bubbles above their heads | 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. |
| 3 small books with images on the front and the words taps above | * New **Targeted Action Plans**.   Targeted Action Plans are the small plans in ADS.  We call them TAPs for short. |
| people posing for a photo | This will help the NSW Government work on things to make communities more   * Accessible * Inclusive. |

## NSW Disability Advocacy Futures Program

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | 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. |
| Four diverse individuals, three standing and one in a wheelchair, raising their hands in front of speech bubbles. | 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. |
| A calendar with numbers 2024 and 2026 and a black arrow | The extra money means that DAFP can do this for another 2 years. |
| A calendar with a red and white square with black text saying November 2024 | In November 2024 the NSW Department of Education said they would put some extra money into DAFP too. |
| Two children near a gate, one wearing a green parka and teal backpack, the other in a blue vest. | This will help people with disability who   * Want to go * Already go   To public school in NSW to be supported. |

## Enrolments

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| An elderly person writing or drawing on a piece of paper at a table. | 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. |
| A woman and a young girl smiling and waving at the camera.A woman helps a young boy with a learning activity at a table.Woman in a wheelchair on a ramp pointing at an 'easy read' document with a stopwatch and speech bubble. | 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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| 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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