Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Northern Territory

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| Northern Territory Government Logo | The Northern Territory Government wrote this.  We call it NT Government for short.  When you see the word **we** it means the NT 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. |
| Northern Territory Government Logo | This update talks about **some** things the **Northern Territory Government** has done so far.  It does **not** talk about **all things** the NT Government is doing. |

## Safer schools

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| Calendar icon showing January 2  White hardcover book with 'RULES' on the cover, featuring a green checkmark and a red 'X'. | On 2 January 2024 new laws started in the NT.  The new laws are in the Education **Act** 2015.  An Act can   * Create new laws * Change old laws. |
| Two young women sitting at a table, raising their right hands as if about to high-five. | The new laws will focus on keeping children   * Safe * Happy * Supported   In all schools in the NT. |
| Modern classroom with desks, blue chairs, and a blackboard. | All schools in NT that are **not** government schools need to meet **the registration standards**. |
| Man in blue hoodie holding and pointing at a blank sheet of paper. | Registration standards are a list of rules that the schools need to follow.  This means they can   * Keep * Get   Registration as a **non** government school |

## Complaints

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| A calendar with a date on it of July 2024 | The NT Department of Education made a new framework in July 2024.  We call it the framework |
| 3 people standing with thumbs down | The framework will help families and schools work together about **complaints**.  When you make a complaint you tell someone that something   * Has gone wrong * Is **not** working well.   Everyone has the right to make a complaint. |

## Jobs in the government

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| Calendar displaying June 20 | On 20 June 2024 the NT Government shared   * The Northern Territory Public Sector EmployAbility Strategy 2024 to 2027.   We call it the EmployAbility Strategy. |
| An icon of a magnifying glass over people | The EmployAbility Strategy will help more people with disability have jobs in the government. |
| people posing for a photo | The NT Government wants workplaces to   * Be inclusive   This means workplaces where all employees are   * Welcome * Supported to do their best. |
| Two people stand inside a house outline with a sofa and coffee table behind them. Man kneeling and planting a small tree with green leaves, wearing a green t-shirt, blue jeans, and gray gloves. | * Have safe **environments.**   Environments are the space around you.  This could be   * Inside * Outside. |
| An icon of a hand holding a weight scale | The NT Government wants people with disability to have an equal chance to   * Work with us * Do well at work * Achieve their goals |

## 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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