Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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South Australia

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

## Disability Strategies

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | The SA Government made changes to   * The Disability Inclusion **Act** 2018. |
| Two men holding signs with thumbs up and thumbs down gestures. | An Act can   * Create new laws * Change old laws. |
| White hardcover book with 'RULES' on the cover, featuring a green checkmark and a red 'X'. | A law is   * A rule * Lots of rules   People have to follow. |
| An icon of hands holding each other | This changes will make SA a more inclusive place for people with disability. |

## Education Support

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| fanned out money | We have agreed to give more money to public primary schools. |
| A woman gesturing towards a blackboard. | This extra money will mean that every primary school will have an **Autism** Inclusion Teacher.  Autism can affect how you   * Think * Feel * Communicate * Understand people. |
| An adult woman helping two young girls with a drawing activity. | The teacher will know a lot about how to support Autistic children. |
| Four people sitting on a green sofa, smiling. | This will mean Autistic children and their families will get better support in schools. |

## Jobs in the government

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| A calendar with a red and white square with black text saying December 2023 | In December 2023 we wrote the   * Diversity Equity and Inclusion Strategy 2023 to 2026.   We call it the DEI Strategy for short. |
| White number eight on a blue square background with rounded corners. | The DEI Strategy has 8 areas it is wanting to work on. |
| Group of five diverse individuals with disabilities smiling and standing together. | The DEI Strategy wants these things in SA Government workplaces   * **Diversity**   Diversity is about knowing and respecting things that make people different. |
| An icon of a hand holding a weight scale | * **Equity**   Equity is knowing that everyone is different and will need different things to be successful. |
| people posing for a photo | * **Inclusion**   Inclusion is when people feel   * Respected * Valued * Trusted * Safe. |
| Two women smiling, one standing and holding the hand of the other seated in a wheelchair. | The DEI Strategy wants to build workplaces in SA Government where everyone feels   * Like they belong |
| Person with glasses and blue t-shirt smiling with hand over heart. | * Is valued. |
| An icon of a magnifying glass over people | This will help more people with disability get the job they want in the SA Government. |

## 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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