Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

December 2024

Tasmania





The Tasmanian Government wrote this.

We call it TAS Government for short.

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



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

BoldNot bold

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

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.

www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response



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.



We want Australia to be a place where people with disability

• 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.



To get ideas on what to do better the government will work with

• People with disability



Disability Representative Organisations



• Disability advisory groups.

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



This update talks about **some** things that the **Tasmanian Government** has done so far.

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

New Laws



The TAS Government made the

 Disability Rights Inclusion and Safeguarding Act 2024.

An Act can

- Create new laws
- Change old laws.



This Act will help fix lots of the issues from the DRC for people in Tasmania.



It will make Tasmania

- Safer
- More inclusive.

Disability Plans



The TAS Government has started work on

Disability Strategy 2025 to 2027.



This will be a **transitional** plan.

Transitional means it only lasts for a certain time.

More work needs to be done on the Disability Rights Act which will be the long lasting law.

Guardianship and administration

September 1

On 1 September 2024 the TAS Government made changes to the

 Guardianship and Administration Act 1995.



The changes will raise the confidence of people with disability who are placed under

- Guardianship
- Administration.



Guardianship is when someone helps make big decisions for another person.

This could be decisions about

- Your life
- Healthcare.



Administration is when someone makes decisions for someone else to do with money.

This could be things like

• Paying bills.



Someone is only placed under guardianship and administration if they are **not** able to make those decisions for themselves.

Contact us



You can contact us if you **need more** information.



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