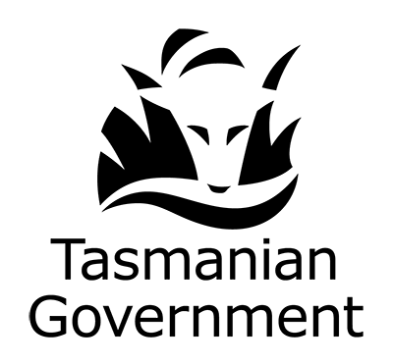
Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Tasmania

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| Tasmania Government Logo | The Tasmanian Government wrote this.  We call it TAS Government for short.  When you see the word **we** it means the TAS 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. |
| Tasmania Government Logo | 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

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | The TAS Government made the   * Disability Rights Inclusion and Safeguarding **Act** 2024.   An Act can   * Create new laws * Change old laws. |
| An icon of hands holding each other | This Act will help fix lots of the issues from the DRC for people in Tasmania. |
| An icon of a blue and white shield with a check mark | It will make Tasmania   * Safer * More inclusive. |

## Disability Plans

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | The TAS Government has started work on   * Disability Strategy 2025 to 2027. |
| Three people sitting in front of a large stopwatch. | 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

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| Calendar icon showing September 1 | On 1 September 2024 the TAS Government made changes to the   * Guardianship and Administration Act 1995. |
| Two men holding signs with thumbs up and thumbs down gestures. | The changes will raise the confidence of people with disability who are placed under   * **Guardianship** * **Administration**. |
| A person in a striped shirt thinking with a checkmark and an 'X' in a thought bubble. | Guardianship is when someone helps make big decisions for another person.  This could be decisions about   * Your life * Healthcare. |
| Three utility bills for Electric, Gas, and Council Tax services arranged side by side. | Administration is when someone makes decisions for someone else to do with money.  This could be things like   * Paying bills. |
| Elderly woman in a light blue sweater smiling and touching her head. | Someone is only placed under guardianship and administration if they are **not** able to make those decisions for themselves. |

## 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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