



Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Victoria



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The Victorian Government wrote this.

We call it VIC Government for short.

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



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

We have some words in **bold**.

Bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

Not bold

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 **Victorian Government** has done so far.

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

Restrictive Practices



The **Victorian Senior Practitioner** has made some changes to **restrictive practices** being used on people under 18 years old.



The Victorian Senior Practitioner is the person who

- Protects the rights of people with disability.



Restrictive practices can

- Take away your rights
- Stop behaviour
- Change behaviour.



They can stop you from

- Going places
- Doing what you want.



The Victorian Senior Practitioner told

- Disability service providers
- Registered NDIS providers

They can **not** use **seclusion** on people under 18 years in Victoria.



Seclusion is when someone is

- Left in a room alone
- Not allowed to leave.

Like being made to stay in a room on your own.

Disability Plan



The VIC Government is working on the

- Inclusive Victoria State Disability Plan 2022 to 2026.



It will help to work on some of the recommendations from the DRC.



It will make sure Victoria has communities that are

- Inclusive
- **Accessible.**

Accessible means everyone can use it.

Police



In April 2024 Victoria Police started a new program.

There are some police who are **Disability Liaison Officers**.

We call them DLOs for short.



DLOs support people with disability when accessing the police.



This might be

- DLOs working with the disability community

- Reducing barriers



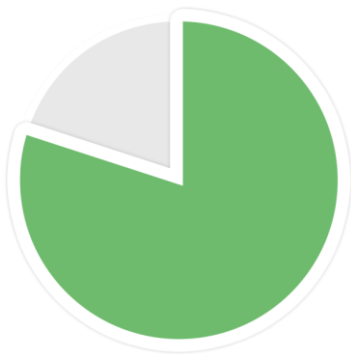
A barrier is something that stops you from doing what you

- Want
- Need.

DLO might also help with



- Getting better support.



There are just under 100 DLOs in Victoria.

They are all over the state.

Contact us



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



You can send us an email.

DRCTaskforceSecretariat@dss.gov.au



You can look at our website.

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



You can get help and support.

www.dss.gov.au/help-and-support-disability



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