Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Victoria

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| Victorian State Government logo | The Victorian Government wrote this.  We call it VIC Government for short.  When you see the word **we** it means the VIC 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. |
| Victorian State Government logo | 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

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| Victoria state logo | The **Victorian Senior Practitioner** has made some changes to **restrictive practices** being used on people under 18 years old. |
| An icon of a blue and white shield with a check mark | The Victorian Senior Practitioner is the person who   * Protects the rights of people with disability. |
| Two people interacting, one in a wheelchair and another kneeling, with a spilled coffee cup above them.Red stop sign with a white hand and the word 'STOP'. | Restrictive practices can   * Take away your rights * Stop behaviour * Change behaviour.   They can stop you from   * Going places * Doing what you want. |
| A woman seated on a chair exercises while a man looks through a door window with a red cross on top | The Victorian Senior Practitioner told   * Disability service providers * Registered NDIS providers   They can **not** use **seclusion** on people under 18 years in Victoria. |
| An older man in a blue sweatshirt and jeans sitting on a chair in a narrow hallway. | 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

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| An icon of a blue book and pen | The VIC Government is working on the   * Inclusive Victoria State Disability Plan 2022 to 2026. |
| Smiling elderly woman in purple with a light bulb illustration. | It will help to work on some of the recommendations from the DRC. |
| a person in a wheelchair in front of a ramp, stopwatch and easy read document | It will make sure Victoria has communities that are   * Inclusive * **Accessible.**   Accessible means everyone can use it. |

## Police

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| white police car with blue checks | In April 2024 Victoria Police started a new program.  There are some police who are **Disability Liaison Officers**.  We call them DLOs for short. |
| A police officer kneels while talking to a seated woman and a crouching man. | DLOs support people with disability when accessing the police. |
| Group of five diverse individuals with disabilities smiling and standing together. | This might be   * DLOs working with the disability community |
| a stop sign with a white hand | * Reducing barriers   A barrier is something that stops you from doing what you   * Want * Need. |
| Three people posing together with smiles, one sitting and two standing. | DLO might also help with   * Getting better support. |
| A pie chart with a large green segment and a smaller white segment. | There are just under 100 DLOs in Victoria.  They are all over the state. |

## 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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