



Disability Royal Commission Interim Update

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Western Australia



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The Western Australian Government wrote this.

We call it WA Government for short.

When you see the word **we** it means the WA 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.

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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.



**GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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

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

Education



The WA Government did a **review** of the

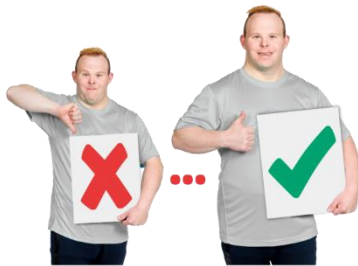
- School Education **Act** 1999.

A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.

An Act can

- Create new laws
- Change old laws.



A law is

- A rule
- Lots of rules

People have to follow.



The School Education Act 1999 is a bunch of rules the WA Department of Education have to follow.



The review looked at **barriers** in the law for schools.

They looked at barriers about

- Inclusion
- Being able to go to school.



A barrier is something that stops you from doing what you

- Want
- Need.

They asked lots of people about what areas could have changes.

Like



- A human rights approach

This means all people have their rights respected.



- **Enrolments**

Enrolments are when you ask to join a group or an organisation.

Like school.



- **Reasonable adjustments**

Reasonable adjustments are changes that can be made to support people with disability.



Like

- Extra help
- Changing the environment

Having other ways to complete tasks.



- Talking to and working with the disability community



- Avoid punishments for children that exclude them from school

Like **suspensions**

Suspensions are when they are sent home from school.



- **Complaints**

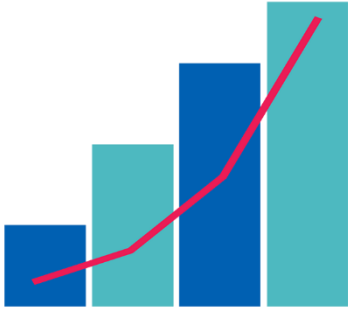
When you make a **complaint** you tell someone that something

- Has gone wrong
- Is **not** working well.

Everyone has the right to make a complaint.



- Collecting **data**.



Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



They will make recommendations to the WA Government about what changes can be made.

Prison



The WA Department of **Justice** is making some changes for young people in prison.



Justice is

- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.



They are working to keep young people in prison

- Safe
- To have a healthy body and mind
- To understand different experiences.



The staff have had training to understand disability better.



They have also made a program to help staff know when young people in prison need help with their mental health.



An Aboriginal Advisory Committee has been set up.

They will make sure the **assessments** are **culturally safe**.



Assessments help people understand your needs.

Culturally safe means

- Respecting
- Protecting

Cultures different to your own.

New Law



The WA Government made a new law called

- Criminal Law Mental Impairment Act 2023.

We call it CLMI Act for short.



The CLMI Act started 1 September 2024.



The CLMI Act says what happens if someone with **mental impairment** does a crime.

Mental impairment is when someones mind does **not** work properly.

They might do things they would **not** normally do.



The CLMI also says what supports that person can get in the justice system.

Contact us



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



You can send us an email.

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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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