



Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

The Australian Government has commenced a public consultation on draft Terms of Reference for a Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

The first step in setting up a Royal Commission is to establish its Terms of Reference.

The Government wants to hear from people with disability, their families and carers, and the disability sector, about what the Royal Commission should cover and the supports that might be required.

The Royal Commission will focus on what governments, institutions and the community should do to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

It is likely to cover all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability, no matter where it happens.

This consultation does not seek specific information on cases of abuse or violence.

If you are currently experiencing any form of violence or abuse, or are concerned for your safety, call 000 or contact Police.

Why we need a Royal Commission

The 4.3 million people with disability in Australia have the right to live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

People with disability are more likely to experience abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation than people without disability.

There have been a number of inquiries, where people with disability have spoken out about their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

A Royal Commission will hear from people with disability, their families and carers about their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation. It will help ensure people's rights are protected and promote a more inclusive society.

Consultations on Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference sets out what the Royal Commission will cover and report on.

The Australian Government is seeking your views on the Terms of Reference to make sure they capture the issues that are important to people.

Have your say on the Terms of Reference by completing the public survey at engage.dss.gov.au

Support to participate

If you need help to complete the survey, contact the Survey Hotline on **1800 880 052** Monday to Friday from 9am to 7pm AEST

People with disability, their families and carers can also get support from National Disability Advocacy Program advocates. The Disability Advocate Finder is at <https://disabilityadvocacyfinder.dss.gov.au>

Next steps

The Government will seek the Governor-General's approval to establish a Royal Commission after the public consultation is completed.

Your comments will be provided to the Government to inform the Terms of Reference.

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