



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

The Disability Royal Commission

The Australian Government's response

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this document.

When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **9**.



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

The Disability Royal Commission's *Final report*



The Disability Royal Commission has shared its *Final report*.

You can read it on the Disability Royal Commission website.

www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au



A **royal commission** is how the government looks into a big problem.

It helps us find out:



- what went wrong



- what we need to improve.



The Royal Commission ran for more than 4 years.

Now it has ended.

The Australian Government thanks everyone who shared their:



- experiences



- ideas for the future.

This includes:



- people with disability and their families



- **advocates** – people who can help you speak up for yourself.



The *Final report* includes ideas about how Australia can do more to protect people with disability.

What happens next



We want to make sure Australia can keep people with disability safe.

All Australians will have to work together, including:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- organisations



- **providers** and workers.



Providers support people by delivering a service.



The Australian Government will make a plan about:

- what we should change
- how we will change things.



We will work with people in the community when we make this plan.

This includes listening to:



- people with disability



- their families and carers.

It also includes listening to:



- organisations that speak up for people with disability



- providers



- other people in the community.

Have your say



We will share more information about how you can have your say soon.

We can send more information to your email address when it is ready.

You can give us your email address.



www.engage.dss.gov.au/DRCAusgovresponse/subscribe

Support for you



The Royal Commission looked into issues that affect many people.



These issues might affect you.



You can get free **counselling support** if you need it.



Counselling support is when you:

- talk to someone about how you think and feel
- talk about ways to help you feel better.



You can visit our website to find support near where you live.

www.dss.gov.au/DRC-support-services

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words mean.



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