



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

The Disability Royal Commission Taskforce

What it is and what they do

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 document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

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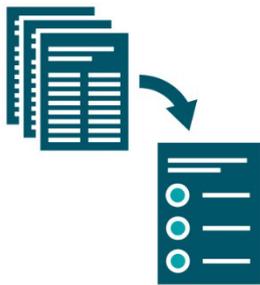
We wrote some words in **bold**.

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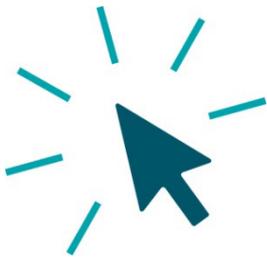
We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **15**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Taskforce



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might be able to help you.

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About the Disability Royal Commission Taskforce



The **Disability Royal Commission (DRC)** looked into problems people with disability have experienced.

It helped the Australian Government find out:



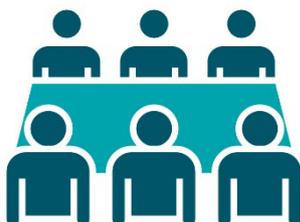
- what went wrong



- what needs to improve.



The DRC released their final report on 29 September 2023.



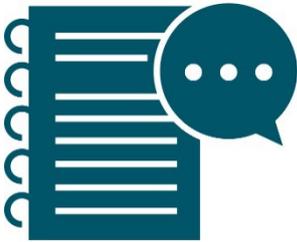
The Australian Government made a group called the Disability Royal Commission Taskforce.

In this document, we call it the Taskforce.

The Taskforce gives advice to the Australian Government about:



- what people think about the DRC's final report



- how to respond to the DRC's final report.



We expect the Taskforce to last until 30 June 2025.

What the Taskforce does

The Taskforce supports different parts of the Australian Government to:



- work together



- respond to the DRC's final report.



The Taskforce works with state and territory governments to respond to the DRC's final report.

But only when all governments need to work together to respond to it.



The Taskforce also reports on how the Australian Government responds to the DRC's final report.



The Taskforce gives advice.

But only **ministers** can make decisions about the things that change.

A minister leads an area of the government.

Members of the Taskforce



There are about 15 members of the Taskforce.



Everyone on the Taskforce must do training about how to:

- be **inclusive**
- understand issues that affect people with disability.



When something is inclusive, everyone:

- can take part
- feels like they belong.



People with disability and carers of people with disability are on the Taskforce.

The Taskforce includes people from:



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

- the Department of Social Services (DSS)



- other Australian Government departments.

Who the Taskforce works with



The Taskforce is part of DSS.



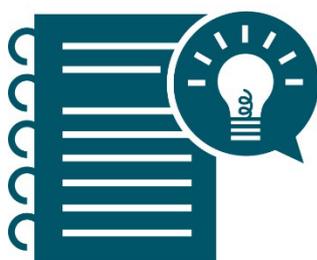
The Taskforce reports to the Honourable Amanda Rishworth.

She is the Minister for Social Services.



The Taskforce also works with the Disability Royal Commission Commonwealth Working Group.

In this document, we just call it the Commonwealth Working Group.



The Commonwealth Working Group shares ideas about what governments can do to respond to the DRC's final report.



The Commonwealth Working Group includes members of many areas of the Australian Government.



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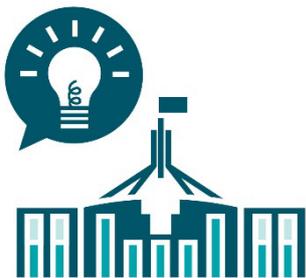
The AHRC is an organisation that makes sure people treat others:

- fairly
- equally.

Working with the disability community



The Taskforce works with the disability community.



The Taskforce listens to ideas about what decisions the Australian Government should make.

It works with:



- people with disability



- their families and carers



- people who work with people with disability.



The Taskforce runs meetings and surveys with the disability community.



They try to make sure people feel safe to share their ideas and stories.



The meetings and surveys are:

- inclusive
- **accessible.**



When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use
- understand.

Working with the NDIS Review



The Taskforce works with the parts of the Australian Government who respond to the **NDIS Review**.



The Australian Government took a close look at the NDIS to find out what:

- works well
- could be better.

They called it the NDIS Review.



The NDIS Review finished in November 2023.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



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