

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 4





Australian Government



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Queensland
Government



Government
of South Australia



Tasmanian
Government



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Australian Government

The Australian Government wrote this.

When you see the word **we** it means the Australian Government.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

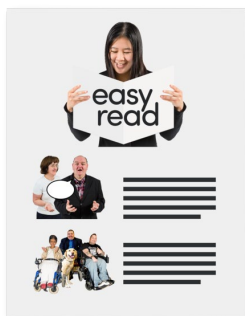
Bold

We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

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

- **Other volumes.**

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 in 12 parts.

They are called **volumes**.



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 make their own choices



- Live the lives that they want to.



This would make Australia an **inclusive** place for everyone.

Inclusive is when everyone

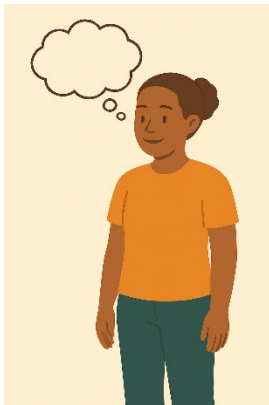
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



We told DRC we will write reports about the work governments are doing.

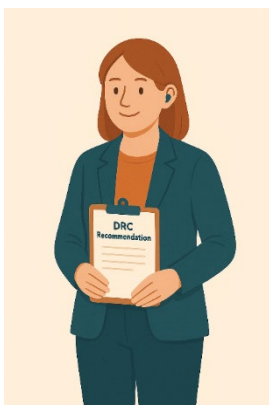
This is the **first** update.



It does **not** say all the things governments are doing.

It has the main things we are working on.

We started the work people with disability said was **most** important.



We shared how we will make

- Changes
- Things better for people with disability.

We have started this work.

It will take a long time.



We will say how we are going for each recommendation.



We will say if we

- Have **finished** this work

This means we

- Agreed to the recommendation
- Have finished the work to make the change.



- **Still doing work** on the recommendation

This means we

- Agree to the recommendation
- Have started making changes
- Need more time to finish this work



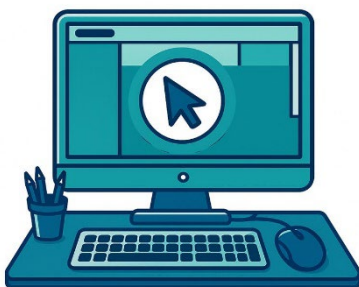
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

This means we need more time to decide how to make the changes.



There are **no** recommendations for volumes

- 1
- 2
- 3



This has updates for **volume 4**.

You can read the updates for the other volumes on our website.

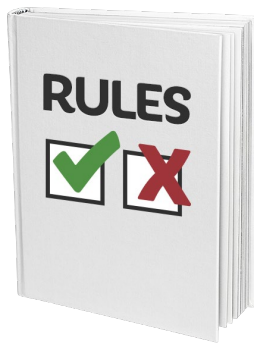
www.dss.gov.au/responses-government-inquiries/resource/disability-royal-commission-progress-report-2025

About Volume 4



Volume 4 talks about how Australia supports

- Human rights



- Changes to our **laws**.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.



These changes will support more people with disability in Australia.

Disability Rights Act



The **Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights** had some meetings in

- 2023
- 2024.

We call them **PJCHR** for short.



In 2024 the PJCHR made a report.

The report said what the Human Rights **Framework** is in Australia.

A framework is how we will do something.



They made some recommendations.

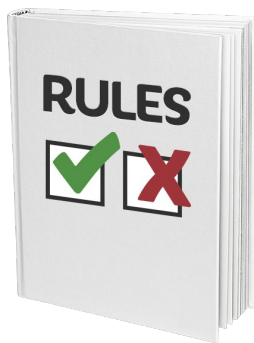
1 recommendation was for the Australian Government to make a Human Rights **Act**.

An Act is a law.

It **must** be followed.



DRC also made recommendations about Human Rights.



DRC said there should be a Disability Rights Act.



The Act would explain the rights of people with disability to live without **discrimination**.



Discrimination is when someone treats you unfairly because of a part of who you are.



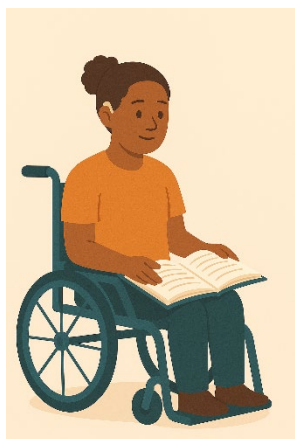
We are thinking about the recommendations from

- DRC
- PJCHR.

Disability Discrimination Act



We are **reviewing** the Disability **Discrimination Act**.



A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



We will talk to people in the disability community about the review.

This is called **consultation**.



It makes sure governments are listening to communities.

This helps governments make better plans to support people with disability.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

State and territory laws



We want everyone to have good **attitudes** about people with disability.

Attitudes are what people

- Think
- Feel
- Believe.



Some people say mean things about people with disability.

We want this to stop.



State and territory governments are looking at their laws.



Australian Capital Territory has finished their work on this recommendation.



New South Wales

- Has looked at a law
- Are thinking about changes it needs



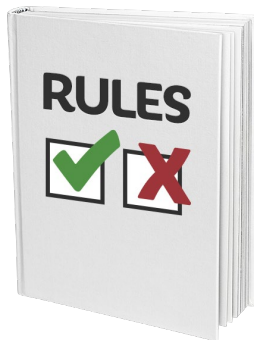
- Is looking at another law.



Northern Territory does **not** need to do more work right now.



Queensland is working on changes to their law to stop discrimination.



South Australia is still thinking about this recommendation.



Tasmania is working on a change to their law.



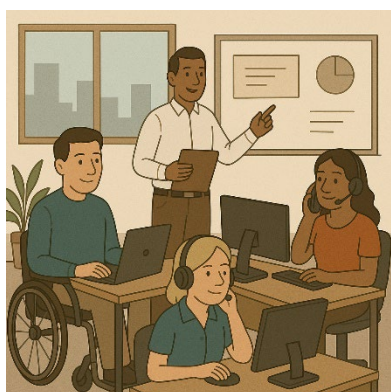
Victoria made a new law on 2 April 2025.

This new law follows the recommendation.



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Western Australia has started work on this recommendation.



We are still working on this recommendation.

Contact us



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



You can send us an email.

DRCTaskforceSecretariat@health.gov.au



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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