

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 5





Australian Government



ACT
Government



Queensland
Government



Government
of South Australia



Tasmanian
Government



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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.

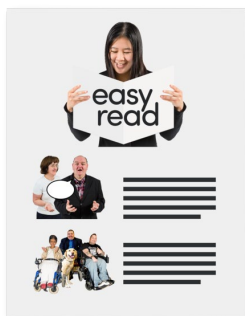
Bold

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

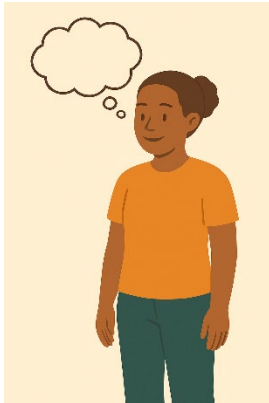
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



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

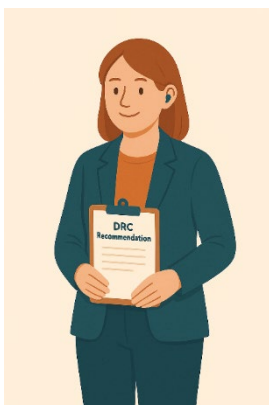
This is the first update.



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.

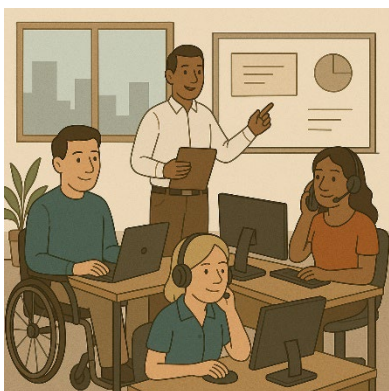


We will say if we

- 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



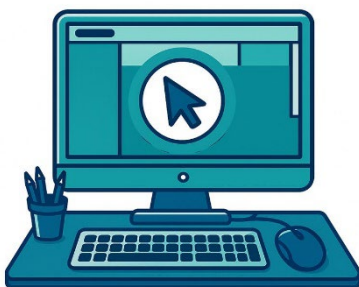
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

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 5**.

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 5

Volume 5 talks about



- **Australia's Disability Strategy**

We call it **ADS** for short.



ADS is the governments way of working together to support people with disability to live good lives.

We do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.



- Working on the United Nations **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We call it **CRPD** for short.

ADS Review



1 recommendation was for all governments to **review** ADS.



A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



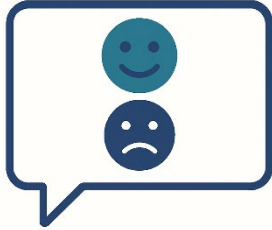
All governments have done this.



The review looked at

- Issues found by the DRC

Feedback



- **Feedback** from the community from the last 3 years

Feedback is when you tell someone what you think about something.

Feedback can be telling someone that the help they give you is

- Good
- Bad.

It will help

- Find problems
- Make it better in the future.



- How well ADS is going.



Lots of people took part in the review.

Some of the people who took part were



- **ADS advisory council**

An advisory council is a group of people who know a lot about something.



- People from the community

This is called **public consultation**.



- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DRO** for short.

Updates to ADS



We updated ADS

- On 29 January 2025 after the review.

We put it online.

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads



Some of the changes we made are

- Governments working better together



- Listening to more ideas from people with disability

TAPs



- Making new **Targeted Action Plans**

We call them **TAPs** for short.

TAPs are the small plans that work on ADS.



- Having more **accessible communication**

Accessible communication is information that everyone can use.

Like Easy Read.



- Sharing more reports



- Working more to support people
 - By making more homes
 - Who are **homeless**.

Homeless means you do **not** have a home to live in.



We have finished working on this recommendation.

CRPD



The United Nations **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability** is an agreement between different countries.

We call it the **CRPD** for short.



The CRPD explains how people with disability have the same rights as everybody else.



All governments are working on the CRPD.



- The Attorney Generals Department
- The **Department of Health Disability and Ageing**

They are called **DHDA** for short.

Work together on the CRPD.

They have different **responsibilities**.

Responsibilities are the things that you need to do.



The Attorney Generals Department reports to the **United Nations**.

We call it **UN** for short.



They tell the UN how Australia is putting the CRPD into action.



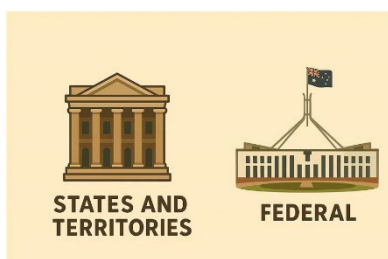
The DHDA is responsible for disability **policies** in Australia.

Policies are plans for how to do things.



DRC said all state and territory governments should have parts that focus on the CRPD too.

They are working on this.



- Australian Government
- State and territory governments

Are working together to share information.



They will also make **guidance** documents.

Guidance is advice on how to

- Do something
- Fix a problem.



This will help all governments to focus on parts of the CRPD they need to work on.



This will help Australia follow the CRPD better.



Governments are still doing work 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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