

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 6

Part 1





Australian Government



ACT
Government



NSW
GOVERNMENT



**NORTHERN
TERRITORY**
GOVERNMENT



Queensland
Government



**Government
of South Australia**



Tasmanian
Government



VICTORIA
State
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.

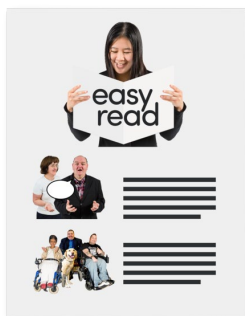
Bold

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

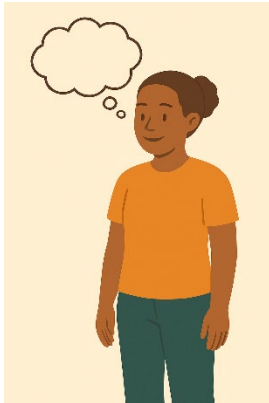
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



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

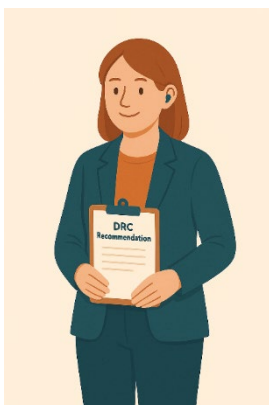
This is the first update.



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



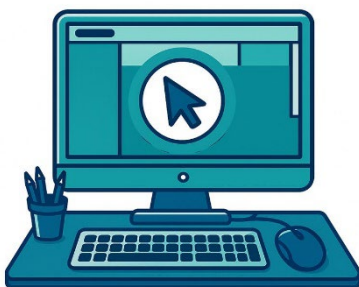
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

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 6**.

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 6



Volume 6 talks about

- Having a plan to make **accessible communication**

Accessible communication is information that everyone can use.

Like Easy Read.



- Having more **Auslan interpreters**

Auslan is Australian sign language.



Interpreters are people who

- Use your language
- Help you understand what someone is saying.

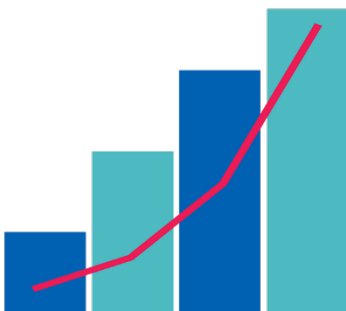


- Making sure Auslan interpreters have the right skills



- Having more money to support **advocacy** programs

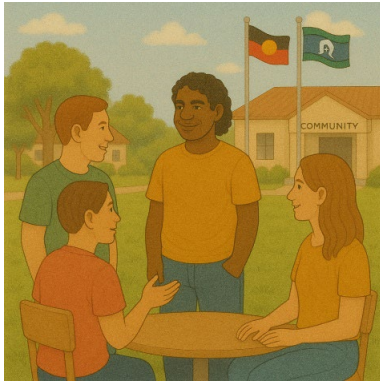
Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



- Having better **data** about who needs advocacy services

Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



- Making sure advocacy is **culturally safe**

Culturally safe means respecting peoples

- Rights
- Cultures
- Traditions.

This helps people feel safe to be themselves.



Volume 6 has 2 parts.

This is **part 1**.

You can read part 2 on our website.

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Accessible communication



This has the **most** important updates about this recommendation.

The recommendation said

- There should be a plan made about making accessible communication.



Governments are working on a plan to make information **accessible**.

Accessible means everyone can use it.



The plan will work with **Australia's Disability Strategy**.

We call it **ADS** for short.

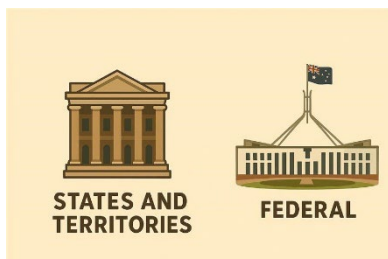


ADS is the governments way of working together to support people with disability to live good lives.

We do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.



- Australian Government
- State and territory governments

Will keep working with people with disability.



We are working on an **engagement** plan.

Engagement means the community can share their ideas with the government.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

Auslan interpreters



The recommendation said

- There should be more Auslan interpreters.



All governments know it is important to have Auslan interpreters.

They help give information to people who are

- Deaf
- Hard of hearing.



Interpreters are important to help people

- From different backgrounds



- With a **sensory disability**

A sensory disability can affect how you

- See
- Hear
- Speak.



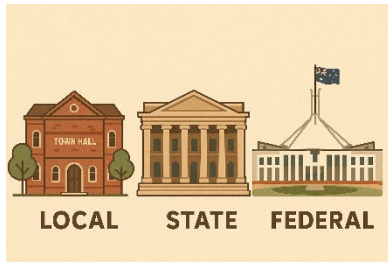
- With a **cognitive disability**

A cognitive disability can affect how you

- Think
- Learn new things
- Make decisions
- Pay attention.



- Who speak different languages.



All governments are working on having more

- Auslan interpreters
- Deaf interpreters.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

Having the right skills



The recommendations said there should be a plan to

- Teach more interpreters
- For all interpreters to have the right skills.
- For interpreters to better understand the needs of people with disability.



The **National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters** are making the training information.

We call them **NAATI** for short

NAATI makes sure that there are translators and interpreters that are

- Taught the right way
- Helpful.

They will keep working on the training.



The training will be finished in 2025.



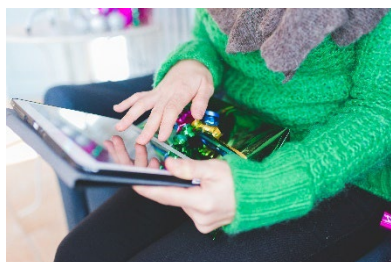
The **National Disability Insurance Agency** is making online training.

We call them **NDIA** for short.

They look after the NDIS



The online training will be about making communication accessible.



It will talk about

- Different communication needs



- How to book an interpreter

This helps you to get an interpreter if you need one.



They will update their training for new staff.

They will also learn how to book an interpreter.



We 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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