

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 6

Part 2





Australian Government



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Government



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.

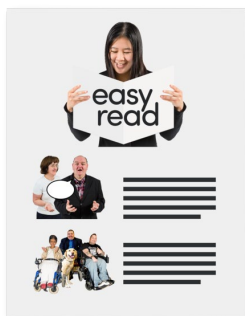
Bold

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

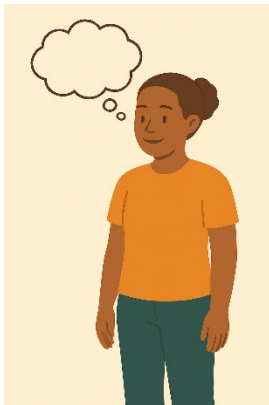
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



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

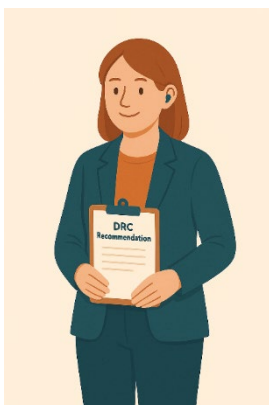
This is the first update.



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



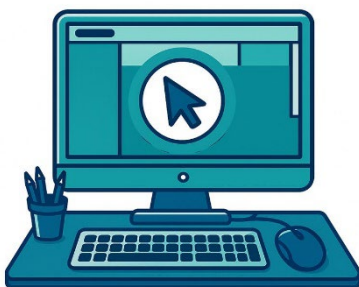
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

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 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.

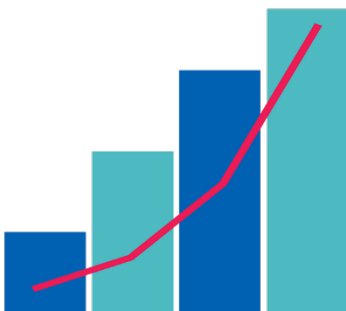


- Making sure Auslan interpreters have the right skills



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

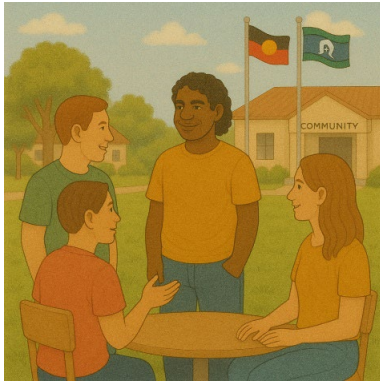
Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



- 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.



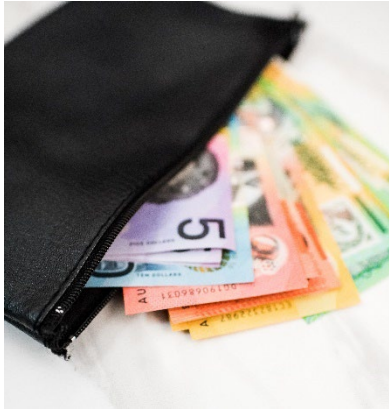
Volume 6 has 2 parts.

This is **part 2**.

You can read part 1 on our website.

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Advocacy programs



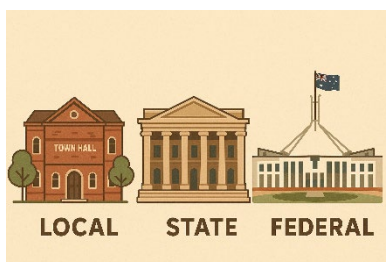
The recommendation said the government should

- Give more **funding** for advocacy programs.

Funding is **money** to take part in programs.



- Have better data about advocacy.



All governments are working together to make advocacy services better for everyone in Australia.



They are doing this work in the **Disability Advocacy Work Plan 2023 to 2025**.



The government is making a new advocacy program.



The new program will have all the advocacy services in 1 place.



This will make it easier for people with disability to find the support they need.



We will work with

- People with disability
- Their supporters

To do this work.



We will **extend** advocacy funding to 30 June 2026.

Extend means that services will continue longer.



This will only be for services that already get funding.

This will make sure people with disability can keep getting support.



We will also give funding to the **NDIS Appeals program**.



This will help people with

- **Appeals**

An appeal is when you

- Think the NDIS made the wrong decision
- Want them to look at the decision again.



- **Dispute resolution**

Dispute resolution is fixing something when 2 people do **not** agree.



In February 2025 the Disability **Ministers** agreed to change the Disability Advocacy Work Plan.

Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.



State and territory governments are working on this.



ACT
Government

Australian Capital Territory is giving money to local community organisations.



This will help people with disability learn different advocacy skills.



They will work with advocacy programs to have better data.



New South Wales is extending funding for the **Disability Advocacy Futures Program**.



This program supports people

- Who go to public schools in New South Wales



- Find services near them.



The Northern Territory has agreed to giving money for advocacy services.



Queensland
Government

Queensland will keep giving funding for their advocacy programs.



They are working out who

- Uses advocacy services
- Wants to use advocacy services.



This will help them make good decisions about advocacy services.



Victoria will keep giving money to advocacy programs.



They will also work on getting good data about their advocacy programs.

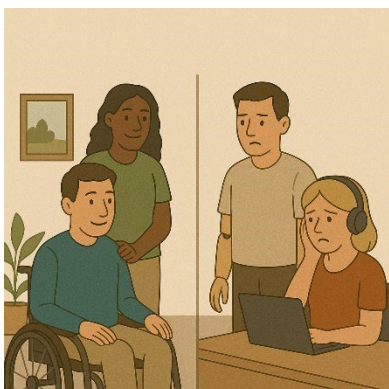


This will help them work out

- Who uses advocacy services
- Who wants to use advocacy services.



Tasmania has agreed to give money to advocacy work.



They are working with advocacy organisations to work out who

- Uses advocacy services
- Wants to use advocacy services.

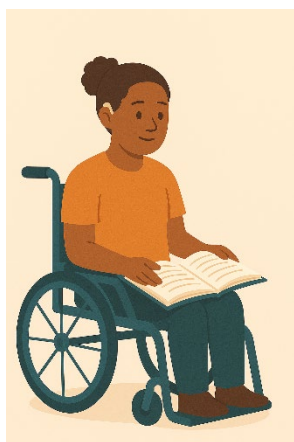


Western Australia gives money to advocacy programs.



They are **reviewing** the advocacy programs.

This will make sure they are right for people with disability.



A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

Being culturally safe

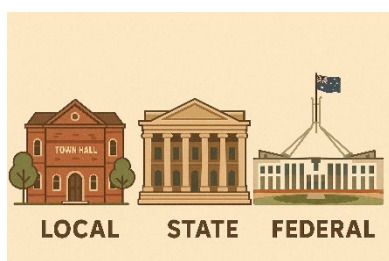


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Australian Capital Territory will work with First Nations communities.



This will help them to make a program that is

- Community led



- Culturally safe



- Inclusive.



They also have a program to support LGBTQIA+ people with disability.



New South Wales gives funding for advocacy organisations that help support



- People from different cultures



- First Nations peoples



- LGBTQIA+ communities.



Victoria is working with First Nations advocacy organisation to make culturally safe advocacy services.



They are testing these new ways with First Nations people.



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.

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You can look at our website.

www.dss.gov.au/DRC-Aus-Gov-Response



You can get help and support.

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