

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 7





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.

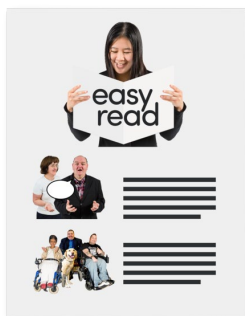
Bold

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

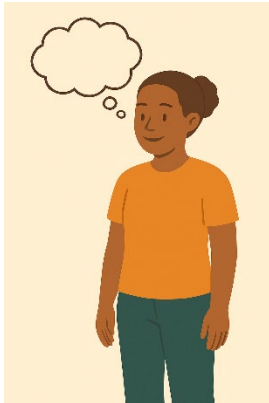
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



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

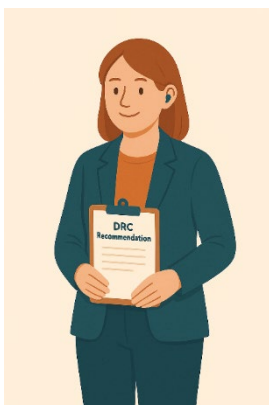
This is the first update.



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



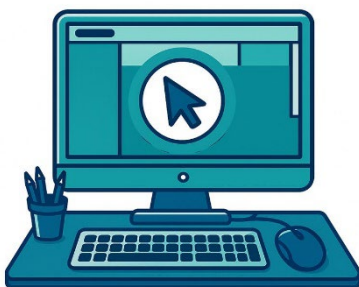
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

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 7**.

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 7



Volume 7 has 3 parts.

It talks about supporting people with disability with

- Education

Like

- School
- University
- TAFE.



- **Employment**

Employment is

- Having a job
- Going to work
- Getting money for the work you do.



- Housing.



Volume 7 talks about

- Making better **policies** for **reasonable adjustments** in education

Policies are plans for how to do things.



Reasonable adjustments are changes that can help people with disability be treated equally.

This can be things that make it easier for people with disability to learn at school.



- Having plans for the number of people with disability working



- Stopping **segregated employment** by 2034



Segregated means keeping certain people separate from others.

Like keeping people with disability separate from people **without** disability.



- Stopping people with disability being **homeless** when moving from services.

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

Reasonable adjustment policies



The recommendation said

- Policies should be better for people with disability who are learning.



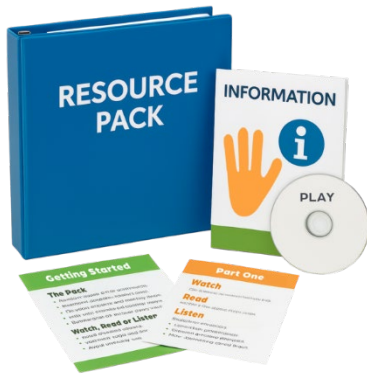
All governments are working to make schools

- More **accessible**

Accessible means everyone can use it.



- Inclusive.



The Australian Government has made new **resources** for

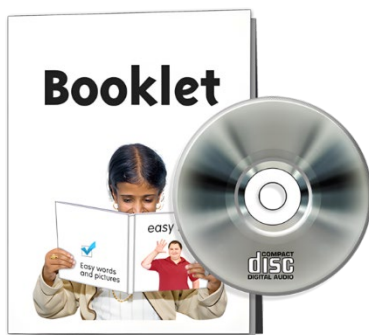
- **Educators**

Educators are people like teachers.



Resources are information that tell someone a way to do something.

The resources say what rules Educators have to follow for people with disability.



- People with disability and their family



This will help them

- Understand their **rights**



- Get reasonable adjustments



- Make decisions.



There are resources to support

- People from different cultures



- First Nations people.



We made the resources in

- Easy Read

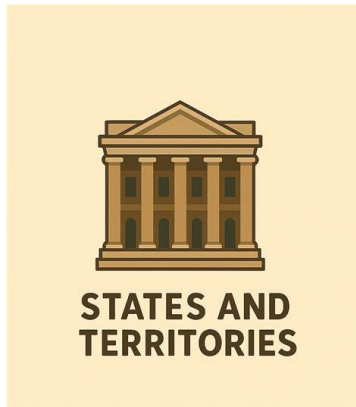


- **Auslan**

Auslan is Australian sign language.



- Different languages.



States and territories are responsible for running schools.



They make their own policies about reasonable adjustments.



Tasmania made changes to their

- Policies
- **Guidance** document

Guidance is advice on how to

- Do something
- Fix a problem.



This will help support young people with disability to learn.



Victoria has a new resource to make maths better for people with



- An **intellectual disability**

An intellectual disability can make it difficult to

- Learn new things
- Solve problems
- Communicate
- Do things on your own.



- A **cognitive disability**

A cognitive disability can affect how you

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

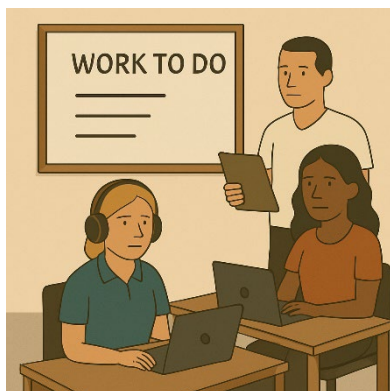


- A learning delay

A learning delay is when someone takes a bit longer to learn.



Teachers can use the resource to make maths programs inclusive.



We have **more work** to do on this recommendation.

People with disability working



The recommendation said

- Governments should have plans for how many more people with disability are working.



There needs to be more jobs for people with disability.



The government has set up a **working group**.

Working groups are a group of people working together on a topic.



They will share

- Ideas
- Information

About how to work on this recommendation.



Most governments have started working on this.

They have looked at how many people with disability are working.



The number of people with disability working will be different in states and territories.



The Australian Government is working on step 1 of the **Disability Royal Commission Discovery Project**.



They are talking to

- People with disability



- Their boss



- The people they work with.



This will help us to learn about their experience

- Starting their job



- Setting **goals**

Goals are things you want to do.



- The different things you want to do for your job

This can be called your **job pathway**.



This project will help the government decide what changes need to be made.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

Segregated employment



The recommendation said governments should

- Stop segregated employment



- Pay people with disability more money.



The government is still thinking about how to work on this recommendation.



The government has asked for ideas from the community about

- Paying people with intellectual disability more money



- Making workplaces more inclusive to support people with intellectual disability



- Closing all segregated employment in by 2034.



The Australian Government made a new fund in 2023.

It is called a **Structural Adjustment Fund**.



It helps more people with high support needs to have a job.



We also made a new service for people with disability to

- Know their rights
- Have better information.



It helps people **advocate** for themselves.

Advocating for yourself is when you can speak up for your rights.



We give money to run expos.

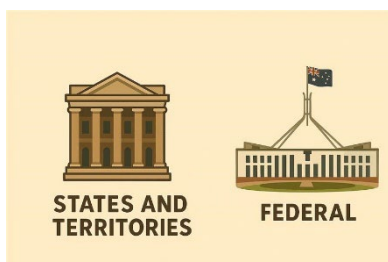
Expos

- Give lots of information about jobs
- Helps you meet new people
- Can give you ideas about different types of work.



We will write a report about these services.

We will say how well they worked.



- Australian Government
- State and territory governments

Worked together to make supported employment better.

They did this in 2023.



There is a new disability employment program starting in November 2025.

It is called **Inclusive Employment Australia**.

We call it **IEA** for short.



IEA will have

- New rules



- Support people with high support needs to get a job.

Stop people with disability being homeless



The recommendation said people should have a home when they leave

- Hospitals



- Mental health services



- The **justice** system.

Justice is



- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.



The government is working to make sure services

- Work together
- Make a plan together.



This will mean that people with disability will have somewhere to go when they leave.



It is important for everyone to know what part of the plan they need to do.



The **National Disability Insurance Agency** is doing work on this.

We call it **NDIA** for short.

They look after the NDIS.



The NDIA can work with people with disability when they are ready to leave

- Hospital



- The justice system.



They are called **Health and Justice Liaison Officers.**

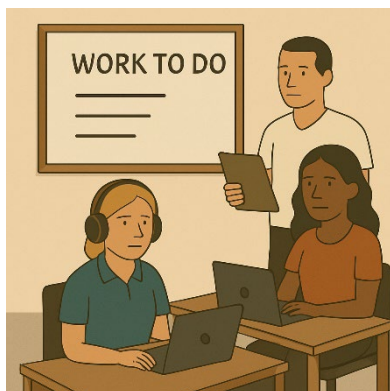


NDIA stopped looking at the day people leave the justice system to make a plan.

They stopped doing this in January 2025.



There will be more information about this in the future.



We have **more work** to do 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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