

Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2025

Volume 9





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Government



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of South Australia



Tasmanian
Government



GOVERNMENT OF
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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.

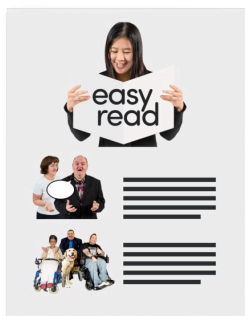
Bold

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

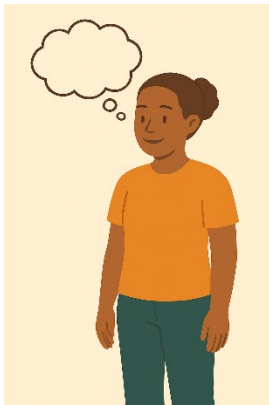
- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.

What is the Progress report



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

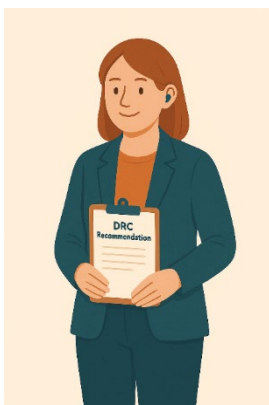
This is the first update.



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.

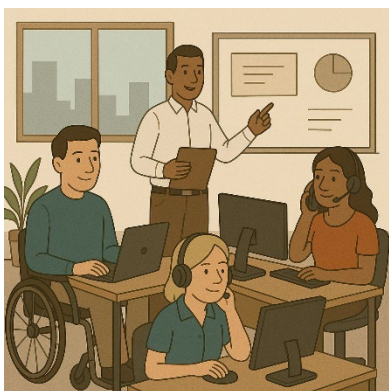


We will say if we

- 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



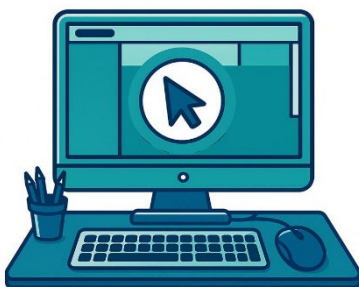
- **Have more work** to do on the recommendation

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 9**.

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 9



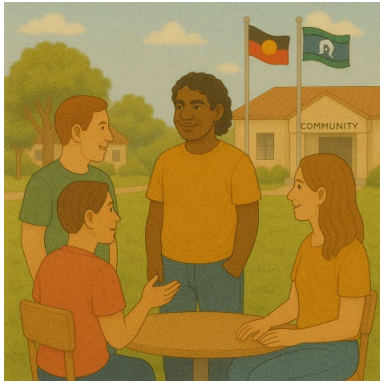
Volume 9 talks about

- First Nations Disability Forum



- Working on the **Disability Sector Strengthening Plan**

We call it **DSSP** for short.



- Making **culturally safe standards**

Culturally safe means respecting peoples

- Rights
- Cultures
- Traditions.

This helps people feel safe to be themselves.

It can also be called **cultural safety**.



Standards are rules that people need to follow for something.

It makes sure that everyone is doing the same good work.

First Nations Disability Forum



The recommendation said

- The government should make a **First Nations Disability Forum**.

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



All governments are working with First Nations people with disability to

- Think of different ideas for the Forum



- Have other ways to share decisions about the recommendation.



The Forum will help

- First Nations people



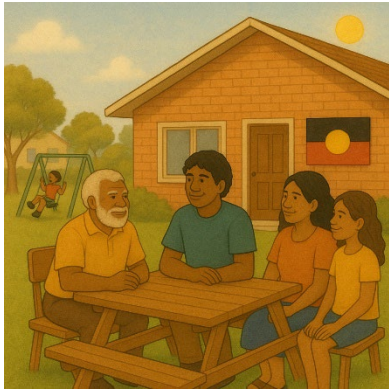
- All governments

To work together.



It will help to make better

- Services



- Supports



There was a meeting on 13 December 2024
with

- First Nations people



- First Nations organisations



- People who work for the government

They talked about the recommendation.



The Australian Government asked people to share their ideas about the Forum.



We are still doing work on this recommendation.

Disability Sector Strengthening Plan



The recommendation said

- All governments need to work with First Nations people on the DSSP.

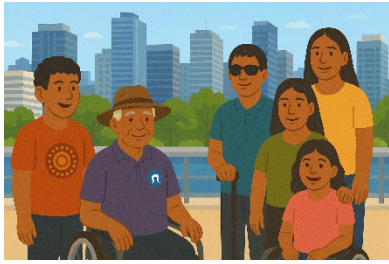


DSSP is a plan on how to make the **community controlled disability supports** better.



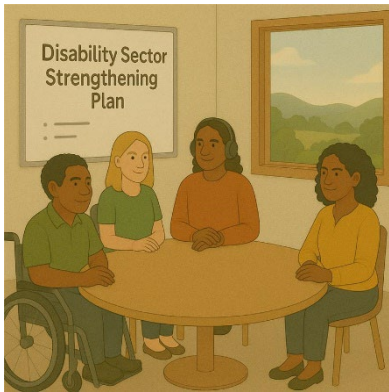
Community controlled disability supports are there to

- Support the rights of First Nations people with disability



- Help them be included.

Community controlled means run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities.



Governments are looking at the DSSP.

This will help us to decide what to do next.



The government is **funding** the National Disability Footprint program.

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



The program was made by **First Peoples Disability Network**.

We call it **FPDN** for short.

The DSSP says that the program is important.



The program helps

- Governments to know more about First Nations people with disability.

It will tell us about

- What is needed



- Ideas for change

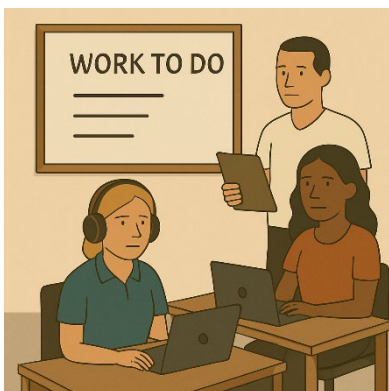


- What is important.



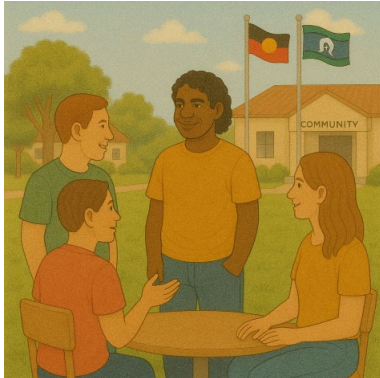
This will help us make **policies** more inclusive.

Policies are plans for how to do things.



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

Culturally Safe Standards



The recommendation said

- To make disability services for First Nations people culturally safe.



We think the Forum will help make culturally safe standards.



The **National Disability Insurance Scheme**
First Nations Strategy 2025 to 2030 is
working on cultural safety.

We call it NDIS for short.

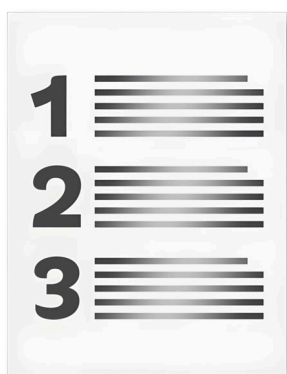


Cultural safety will also be in the **NDIS Practice Standards**.



The NDIS Practice Standards say how services need to be done.

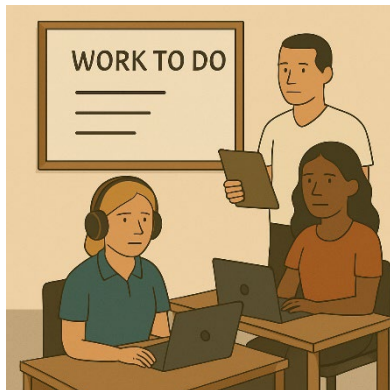
This is for **registered** NDIS providers.



Registered means they are on the list of NDIS providers.



Providers get money from your NDIS plan to help support you.



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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