

Free, independent legal support to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission

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# Can I share my story with the Disability Royal Commission?

Are you a person with disability? Have you been or are you being hurt, treated badly, refused help or taken advantage of? Do you want to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission? Has someone else been appointed to make decisions for you? This factsheet is about ways you can share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.

### What if someone else is making decisions for me?

If someone else has been appointed to make decisions for you, you can still share your story directly with the Disability Royal Commission.

If a court said you can't give evidence in a legal case in the past, you can still share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.

### How can I share my story?

The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear your story if you are a person with disability and have been hurt, treated badly, refused help or taken advantage of.

You can share your story with the Disability Royal Commission in the way you want. This could be in writing, using pictures, recording yourself or calling the Disability Royal Commission and sharing your story over the phone.

### Call 1800 77 1800 or visit www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au

## What if I want support to share my story?

The Disability Royal Commission understands that sometimes you may want support to share your story.

People, including disability advocates, lawyers from Your Story Disability Legal Support or staff at the Disability Royal Commission, can support you in different ways to share your story.

You might want to have someone with you when you share your story with the Disability Royal Commission. Or you might ask someone else to share your story for you.

The Disability Royal Commission can help you and your chosen support person to make a plan so that you are supported to share your story.

### How do I keep safe?

Your safety and security are important. The Disability Royal Commission can work with you to protect you if you have been, or are being, hurt or treated badly and you want to share your story.

Your Story Disability Legal Support can give you legal advice about safe ways to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission. We can help you with how to:

- Share your story without giving your name or contact details; or
- Share your story privately.

#### I have more questions

#### Call us on 1800 77 1800 for legal advice.

Your Story Disability Legal Support is free, independent and separate from the Disability Royal Commission. We will not pass your information to the Disability Royal Commission unless you agree. We won't tell anybody what you tell us, unless you want us to.

**Disclaimer:** This information is intended as a general guide. It should not be relied on as legal advice and we recommend that you talk to a lawyer about your particular situation.