

Your Story Disability Legal Support

How we can help you

Easy Read fact sheet



How to use this fact sheet



Your Story Disability Legal Support wrote this fact sheet.

When you see the word 'we', it means Your Story Disability Legal Support.



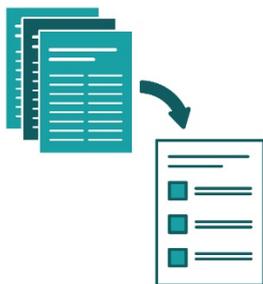
We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Not bold
Bold

We have written some words in bold.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



This Easy Read fact sheet is a summary of another fact sheet. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website at

www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.



What is the Disability Royal Commission?



A royal commission is how the government looks into a big problem.

It can help us find out what:



- went wrong



- can be fixed.



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What do we do?



There are many things we can support you with.



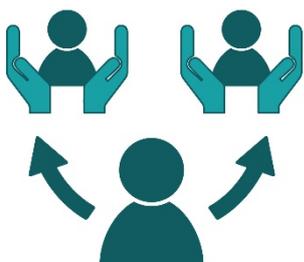
We can support you to share your story.



We can support you to work out what you want to say.



We can support you to stay safe when you tell your story.



We can connect you with other supports.





We can give you free legal advice and support.



You can talk to us if you're worried about sharing your story with the Disability Royal Commission.



You can talk to us if you're worried about:



- staying safe



- someone stopping you from using services



- someone stopping you from working.





You can talk to us if you want to keep your story private.



You can talk to us if you want to name a person or organisation that has treated you badly.



You can talk to us if you have signed a document that says you can't share your story.



How we can help you



It's a good idea to get some legal advice before you share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.



We can support you to make a **submission**.



A submission is a way you can tell the Royal Commission about:



- your story



- an idea you have.



You can make a submission in the way that is best for you. This might be:



- online
- in writing
- by email
- over the phone
- in a video
- as an audio recording.



We can support you in a **private session**.



A private session is a private meeting between:

- someone with a story to tell
- a Commissioner.





Commissioners are senior people who work at the Royal Commission.



We can help you with other legal problems you might have.



We can support you:

- before you tell your story
- when you tell your story
- after you tell your story.



We can connect you with **counselling support**.



Counselling support is when you:

- talk to someone about how you think and feel
- talk about ways to help you feel better.





We can connect you with a disability **advocate**.



Advocates are people who help you:

- understand your **rights**
- make decisions
- have your say.



Rights are rules about how everyone should be treated fairly.



How to contact us



If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, we can support you to share your story.



We can organise an **interpreter** for you if you need one.



An interpreter is someone who:

- speaks the language you speak
- can help you understand what someone is saying.



You can use the National Relay Service if you:



- are Deaf or hard of hearing



- need support to talk.



You can contact the National Relay Service by phone.
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