

# What is the Disability Royal Commission?

How we can help you

Easy Read guide



## How to use this guide



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



We wrote this information 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.



We explain what these words mean.  
There is a list of these words on page 13.



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





You can find the other guide on our website at  
[www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au](http://www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au)



You can ask for help to read this guide.  
A friend, family member or support person  
may be able to help you.



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# 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.



The Disability Royal Commission is about how people with disability experience:



- **violence** – when someone hurts or threatens you



- **abuse** – when someone treats you badly



- **neglect**– when someone is not helping you the way they are supposed to help you



- **exploitation** – when someone takes advantage of you.





The Disability Royal Commission wants to find out:



- what has happened to people with disability



- how to keep people with disability safe



- how to make things better for people with disability.



## Sharing your story



The Disability Royal Commission needs information from people with disability.



When you give information to the Disability Royal Commission, you can share:

- your story
- ideas about how things should change.



We can support you to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.



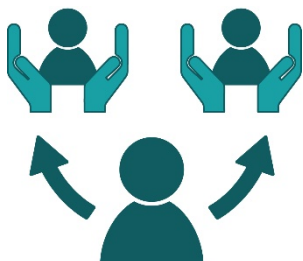
We can support you to work out what you want to say.







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



We can connect you with other supports.



If we support you to share your story, you don't have to pay for our services.



# Your Story Disability Legal Support



It's a good idea to get legal advice before you share your story.



We can give you free legal advice if you need it.

We can connect you with:



- disability advocates



- counselling support.



Advocates are people who help you:

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





Rights are rules about how everyone should be treated fairly.



Counselling support is when you:

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



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

You can contact us:



- by phone  
**1800 77 1800**



- on our website.  
[www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au](http://www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au)



## Support in a different language



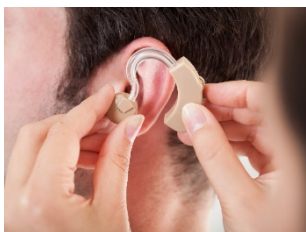
We can organise an **interpreter** for you if you need one.



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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## Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



### **Abuse**

Abuse is when someone treats you badly.



### **Advocate**

Advocates are people who help you:

- have your say
- give you information and advice.



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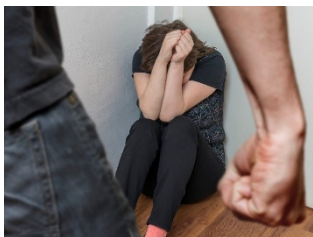
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## Royal commission

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## Contact us



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