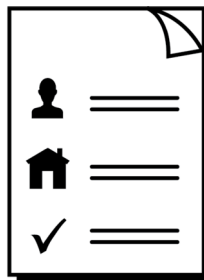




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## **Our response to the Disability Royal Commission**



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## About this book

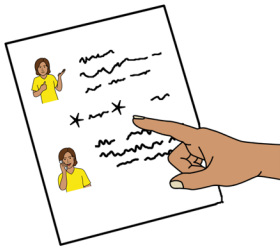
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This book is written in a way that is easy to understand.



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We add a star before and after **\*hard words\***.  
Then we explain what the words mean.



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# The \*Disability Royal Commission\*



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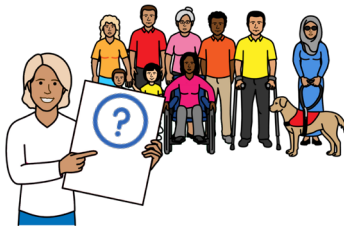
- helped the government learn about how people with disability live and get supports



- gave **\*recommendations\*** to the government.



Recommendations are ideas for change.



The Disability Royal Commission asked people with disability and their carers for ideas about how to make things better.



The Disability Royal Commission final report has lots of recommendations and ideas for change.



We agree to think and talk about these ideas.

## Our **\*response\*** to the report



Response means what we think and how we will act on ideas in the report.

We want to make sure people with disability in Queensland have more



- **\*inclusion\***

- inclusion means everyone feels part of something



- **\*accessibility\***

- accessibility means things and places can be used by everyone



- safety.



We know there is a lot more work to do.

There are different ways we can respond to the ideas in the report.

For example, we can



- **\*accept\*** the idea
  - this means we agree with the whole idea



- **\*accept in principle\***
  - this means we agree with most of the idea but might have different ideas about how to make the changes



- **\*note\*** the idea
  - this means the idea might be about something each government does differently



- give **\*further consideration\***
  - this means we need to think about the idea more



- not support the idea.

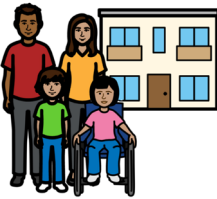
## Ideas from the report

Parts 4 to 12 of the report include the Disability Royal Commission's ideas for change.



### Part 4

**Ideas about how governments can improve the \*rights\* of people with disability.**

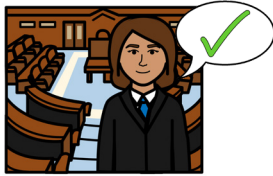


Rights are things everyone should be able to have and do.

For example, people have the right to live in a safe home.



We accept in principle the idea to change some Queensland laws to give people with disability better rights.



## Part 5

Ideas about how governments can make plans to support people with disability.



We accept in principle the idea to make a **\*National Disability Agreement\***.



The National Disability Agreement will say how governments can work together to support people with disability.



We will work with other governments to make our plans better.

For example

- Australia's Disability Strategy
- the Queensland Disability Plan.





## Part 6

**Ideas about how governments can support choices made by people with disability.**



We accept in principle the ideas to support people with disability to make their own choices.



We will also make sure people with disability who need support to make decisions are included in the plans.





## Part 7

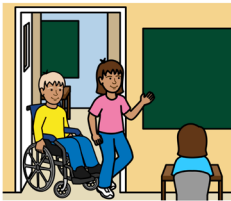
**Ideas about how governments can support people with disability in education, employment and housing.**

### Education



We accept in principle most of the ideas to

- make sure everyone gets the same opportunities for education
- make schools safe for students with disability.



We will review the laws and services for students with disability.



We will think about building new special schools next to other schools where possible.



We will work with parents to make sure all children with disability can achieve their goals.

## Employment



We will make sure people with disability can get jobs and learn new skills.



We will work with other governments to make this happen.



We need more time to think about ways to make more **\*supported employment\*** jobs.



Supported employment jobs give people with high support needs extra support at work.

## Housing

We want people with disability to have a home that



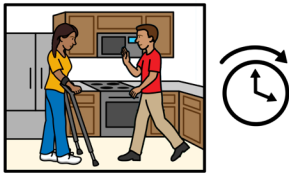
- is safe



- meets their needs



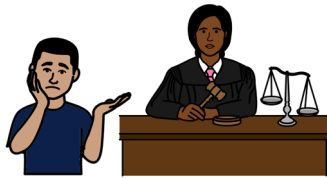
- is close to their community.



We need more time to think about the future of disability group homes.



We will work with other governments to plan for more inclusive housing for people with disability.



## Part 8

Ideas about how governments can support people with disability in the **\*justice system\***.



The justice systems means

- police



- the courts



- the law



- prisons.



We think it is important to protect the rights of people with disability in the justice system.



We accept the idea to work with other governments to improve **\*screening\*** people in **\*custody\***.



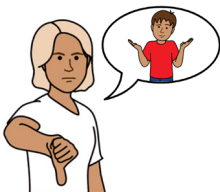
Screening means we talk to people to check if they need extra support.

For example, because of

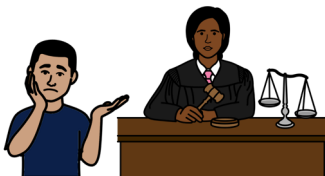
- disability
- cultural background.



Custody means someone is being held by the police for a crime.

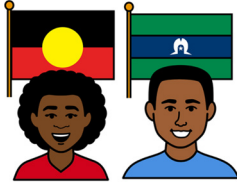


We do **not** support the idea to change the age of **\*criminal responsibility\*** to 14 years old.



Criminal responsibility means you are in control of your actions if you do a crime.

We will work with all governments to stop young people going into the justice system.



## Part 9

**Ideas about how governments can make services better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.**



We accept in principle the ideas to make services better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.



We will make sure the services are safe and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.



We will

- listen to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability need



- support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability to make decisions about their supports.



## Part 10

Ideas about how governments can make sure **\*providers\*** support people with disability and keep them safe.

Providers give disability supports and services.



We accept in principle the ideas to keep people with disability safe.



We have a law called the **\*Disability Services Act\***.

The Disability Services Act says all disability services must be safe to use.



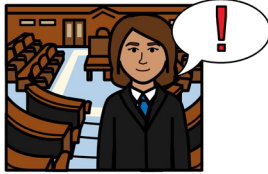
We accept in principle the ideas to better manage **\*complaints\*** and **\*incidents\***.



A complaint means you are **not** happy and you tell us the reason.



An incident means something bad happened to you.



## Part 11

Ideas about how governments can know when people with disability experience **\*violence\***, **\*abuse\***, **\*neglect\*** or **\*exploitation\***.



Violence means someone hurts you.



Abuse means someone hurts you with actions or words.



Neglect means you do **not** get the care you need.



Exploitation means someone uses your weakness to do things for themselves.

For example, they make you work but do **not** pay you.



People with disability must be able to make a complaint if something bad happens to them.





All governments must have a  
**\*Community Visitors Scheme\***.



This is a program where community visitors

- check that people with disability are safe

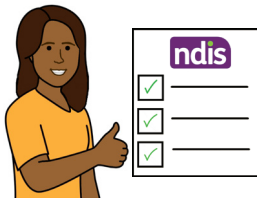


- help people with complaints.



We accept in principle the ideas to

- make the program better



- make the program work better with the NDIS.



## Part 12

Ideas about how governments can do what the final report says.

There is a

**\*Disability Reform Ministerial Council\*.**



The Disability Reform Ministerial Council includes Disability Ministers across Australia.



The Council supports governments to act on the Disability Royal Commission recommendations.



We accept in principle the ideas and will tell people how we will respond to the Disability Royal Commission final report.



This book is part of our promise to tell people what we will do.

## What happens next



We have made the  
**\*Disability Reform Framework\***.



The Disability Reform Framework says what we will do to make sure everything in our plan happens.

We call it **the Framework**.



The Framework will help us make sure there are good outcomes for people with disability.



We will ask for help and ideas from people with disability and disability organisations.



## More information

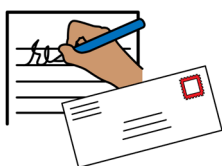


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### Write to us

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City East QLD 4002



You can find more information about the  
Disability Royal Commission.



### Website

[Disability Royal Commission web page](#)

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disability-royal-commission](http://www.dcssds.qld.gov.au/our-work/disability-services/disability-royal-commission)

## Other support services

### National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline



**Call**        1800 880 052

### 1800RESPECT



**Call**        1800 737 732

**Text**        0458 737 732



### Advocacy Supports



**Website**   [Queensland Disability Advocacy  
supports web page](https://www.qld.gov.au/disability/legal-and-rights/advocacy-supports-web-page)

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## Help to speak and listen

If you need help to speak or listen, the National Relay Service can help you make a call.



**Call**      1800 555 660



**Website**   [NRS Helpdesk](https://www.accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/nrs-helpdesk)

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## Help in your language

If you need help in another language, the Queensland Government has a service to help you.



**Call**      1800 512 451



**Website**   [Interpreter services](https://www.qld.gov.au/help/languages/english)

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