



**Government of
South Australia**

Our response to the Disability Royal Commission

Recommendations about rights

Recommendations about how governments work

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Government of South Australia wrote this document.

When you read the word 'we', it means the Government of South Australia.



This document is part of our response to the Disability Royal Commission.

It is about parts **4** and **5** of their final report.



We wrote this information in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



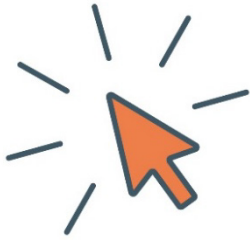
We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **18**.



This Easy Read plan is a summary of our response to the Disability Royal Commission.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.dhs.sa.gov.au/disability-royal-commission



You can ask for help to read this document.

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



We recognise Aboriginal peoples as the traditional owners of the land we live on – South Australia.



They were the first people to live on and use the:

- land
- waters.



We also recognise First Nations peoples who:

- live in South Australia now
- visit South Australia.

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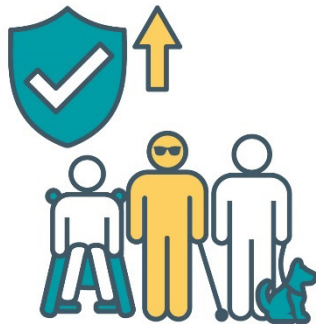
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About the Disability Royal Commission



The Australian Government created a **royal commission** to find out how to make our community safer for people with disability.



A royal commission is an official way of looking into a big problem.

It helps us work out what:

- has gone wrong
- we need to improve.



We call it the Disability Royal Commission.



The Disability Royal Commission ran from **2019** to **2023**.

About the recommendations



The Disability Royal Commission shared ideas about what governments and services should change.

We call these ideas **recommendations**.



This document explains our response to recommendations about the **rights** of people with disability in Australia.

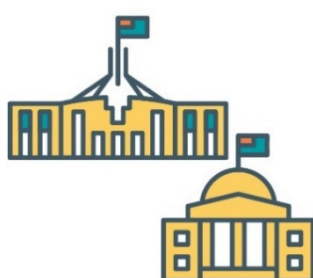


Rights are rules about how everyone must treat you:

- fairly
- equally.



This document also explains our response to recommendations about how governments work.



We are working on some of the recommendations with:

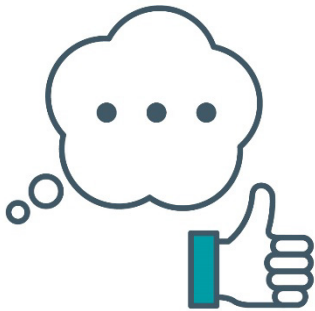
- the Australian Government
- other state and territory governments.

Our response to the recommendations

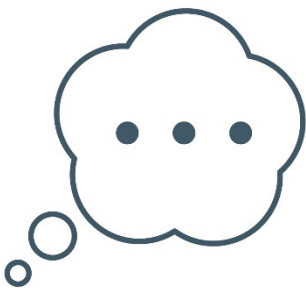
On the following pages we explain the recommendations we:



- agree with



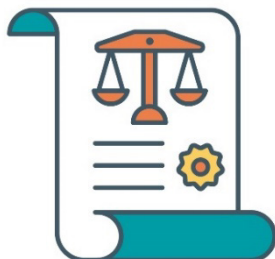
- mostly agree with



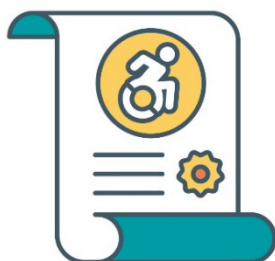
- need to think more about.

Recommendations about rights

Laws that protect rights



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about laws that protect the rights of people with disability.

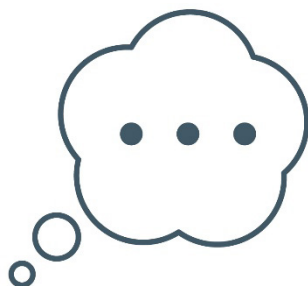


The recommendation says the Australian Government should create a new law that explains the rights of people with disability.

This new law should be called Disability Rights Act.



The recommendation also says state and territory governments should make sure their laws follow the Disability Rights Act.



We need to think more about this recommendation.

Laws about discrimination



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to change laws about **discrimination**.



Discrimination is when someone treats you unfairly because of a part of who you are.

This includes how services treat you.



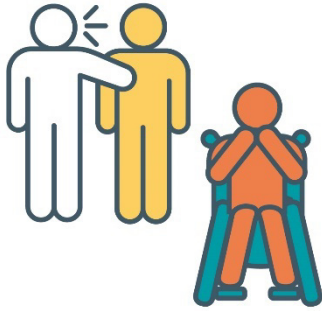
Changes to the law would aim to better protect people with disability from **violence or abuse**.



Violence or abuse is when someone:

- hurts you
- scares you
- controls you.

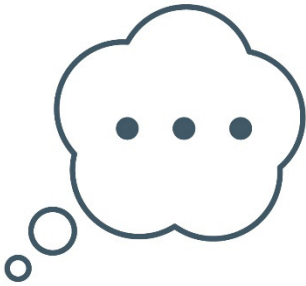
For example, changes would make it against the law to:



- encourage violence or abuse against people because of their disability



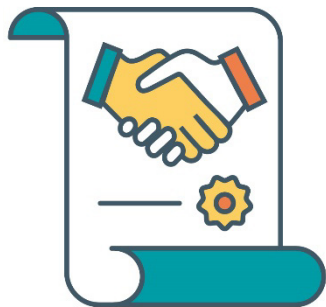
- threaten a person with violence or abuse because of their disability.



We need to think more about this recommendation.

Recommendations about how governments work

A National Disability Agreement



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to make a new agreement between:

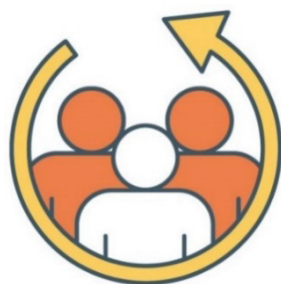
- the Australian Government
- state and territory governments.

This agreement would be called the National Disability Agreement.



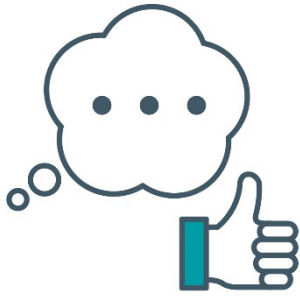
The agreement should explain how governments will work together to improve:

- equality
- rights
- **inclusion.**



Inclusion means everyone:

- is included
- can take part in our community.



We mostly agree with the goals in this recommendation.



We will share our ideas about this recommendation by **31 December 2024**.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

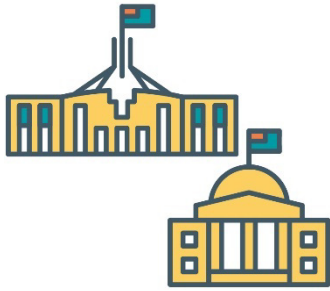


The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)**.



The CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

It explains how people must respect the rights of people with disability.

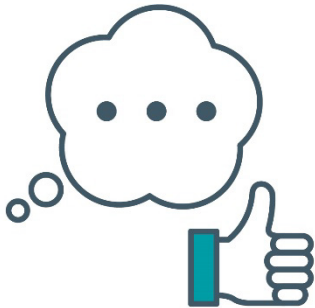


This recommendation is for:

- the Australian Government
- state and territory governments.



The recommendation says governments should make it clear who will make sure they follow the CRPD.



We mostly agree with the goals in this recommendation.



We changed the law in 2024 to make sure our disability plans follow the CRPD.

Australia's Disability Strategy



The Disability Royal Commission made a recommendation about Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 (ADS).



The ADS is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.



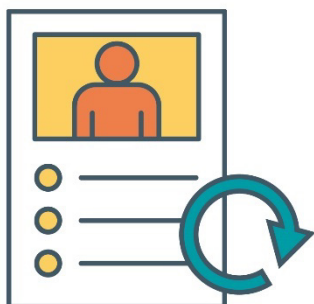
The recommendation says governments should make sure the ADS includes:

- issues that the Disability Royal Commission found out about
- ideas about the recommendations.



We agree with this recommendation.

Government plans for people with disability



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to update plans for people with disability.

The recommendation says state and territory governments should make sure their plans for people with disability follow:



- the recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission

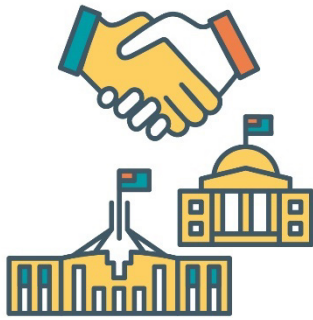


- the ADS.



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Agreements between governments



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about agreements between governments.



For example, the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

This agreement explains how governments will work together to support First Nations peoples.

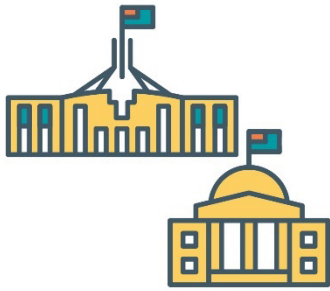
The recommendation says governments should check how well agreements:



- follow the ADS

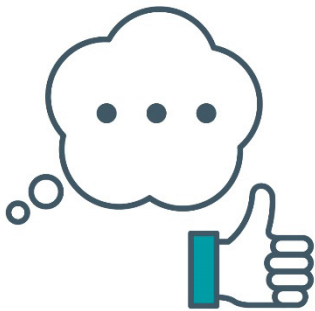


- support the needs of people with disability.



This includes:

- the Australian Government
- state and territory governments.



We mostly agree with the goals
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Word list

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



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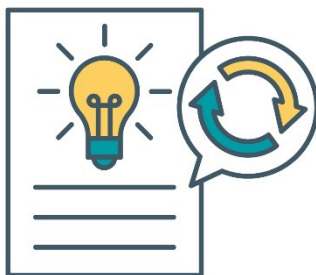
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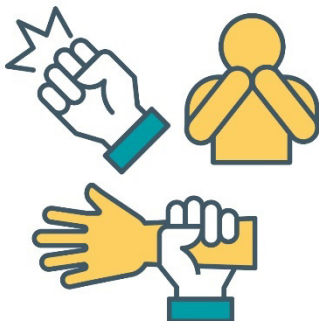


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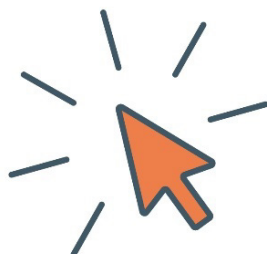
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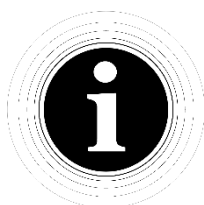
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