

DACSSA DISABILITY ADVOCACY DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION

THE DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 2019 IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERN ABOUT WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST, AND THE NEGLECT, ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY. THE DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO END SOON.

A Royal Commission is an investigation, independent of government, into a matter of great importance.

The Disability Royal Commission will hear from a range of people and organisations to get a good understanding of abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation of people with disability. Part of this investigation is hearing from people in the disability community about their experiences.

SHARE YOUR STORY

The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear from you about:

- Your experiences with disability and systems
- Your thoughts on how things might be done better to improve the lives of all people with disability.

DACSSA PROVIDES ADVOCACY

DACSSA is an independent advocacy service that assists people with disability. An advocate can provide information regarding the Disability Royal Commission and help you to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission, in a way that is right for you.



HOW DACSSA CAN ASSIST

DACSSA can work with you to put forward your views and ideas as a person with lived experience of disability.

Our advocates are able to assist you:

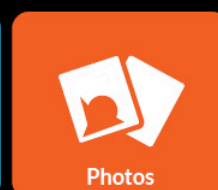
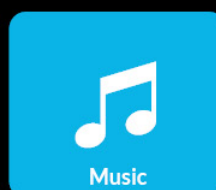
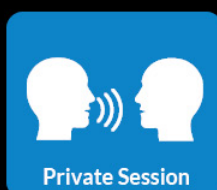
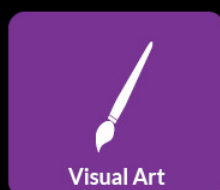
- To learn about the Disability Royal Commission
- To prepare your documentation for a submission
- To access helpful services.

TELLING YOUR STORY, YOUR WAY

A 'submission' is the main way people and organisations can provide information to the Disability Royal Commission, in order to give details about their experiences. Anybody can make a submission, in any format.

It can be helpful to have an advocate's support to prepare a submission.

Share **your story** with the Disability Royal Commission.
In a way that is **right for you**.



Say it your way.

SOME EXAMPLES OF TOPICS

- Experiences of our First Nations People
- Experiences of our LGBTQIA+ community
- Experiences of people of diverse cultural backgrounds and / or language
- COVID-19
- Education
- Workplace / employment
- NDIS and disability service providers
- Service access & quality
- Social inclusion / participation
- Accommodation & housing
- Health & mental health

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SUPPORT SERVICES

DACSSA is not a legal service, a crisis service or a counselling service. We are not able to give you legal advice.

These supports, however, are available to you free of charge.

You can contact these services directly, or DACSSA can support you with connection.

South Australian Counselling Support

Talking about these matters can be tough. Free counselling support is available for anyone affected by the Royal Commission:

Nnkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc
Phone - 08 8406 1600

Relationships Australia SA
Phone - 1800 577 571

Blue Knot Foundation
Phone - 1800 421 468

Legal Support Services

Free and independent legal advice:

Your Story Legal Service ('NLAS')
Phone - 1800 771 800

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service ('NATSILS')
Phone - 03 9418 5928



COMMUNICATION SUPPORTS

National Relay Service
Phone - 133 677
Speak and Listen - 1300 555 727
Text - 0459 906 629

TIS National (free translating and interpreting service)
Phone - 131 450

When prompted, provide the number of the counselling or legal support service you want to call.

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