



Disability Royal Commission

NSW Government

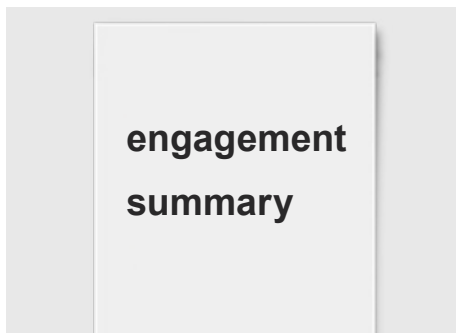
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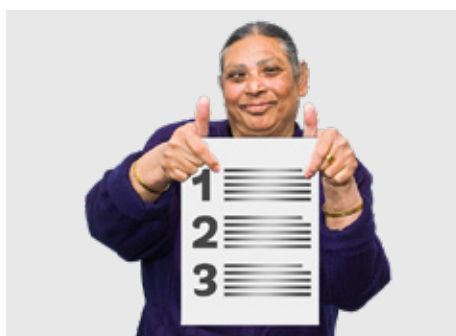


An **engagement summary** says what we did to find out what people think of **recommendations** from the **Disability Royal Commission**.



The **Disability Royal Commission** is where people shared what is hard for people with disability.

We will say **DRC** for short.



Recommendations are things the DRC said should be done to make things better for people with disability.

Stakeholder forums



We had 3 **stakeholder forums**

- Online
- In person.



Stakeholder forums are when lots of different people get together to talk about a topic.



We wanted to hear what people thought of the recommendations in the DRC.



People at the forums were groups like

- People with disability
- Aboriginal organisations
- Disability services
- People from Government.



At the first forum we spoke to people about what they think about the DRC recommendations.



The second forum was for First Nations people to say what they think.

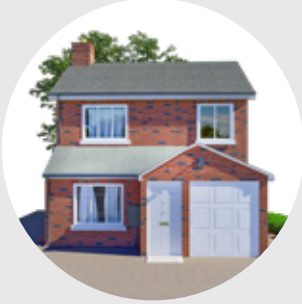
The third forum was to look more into things like



- The **justice system** like courts and jails



- Keeping children safe



- Housing.



These are the most important things people said in the forum.

People said



- Government should work with people with disability when they make changes



- Services need to know more about how to support people with all different types of disability.

Talks with organisations



NSW Government also talked to some big organisations about the DRC recommendations.



We have started groups to look more into the recommendations about

- The different kinds of schools students with disability go to

- **Guardianship.**

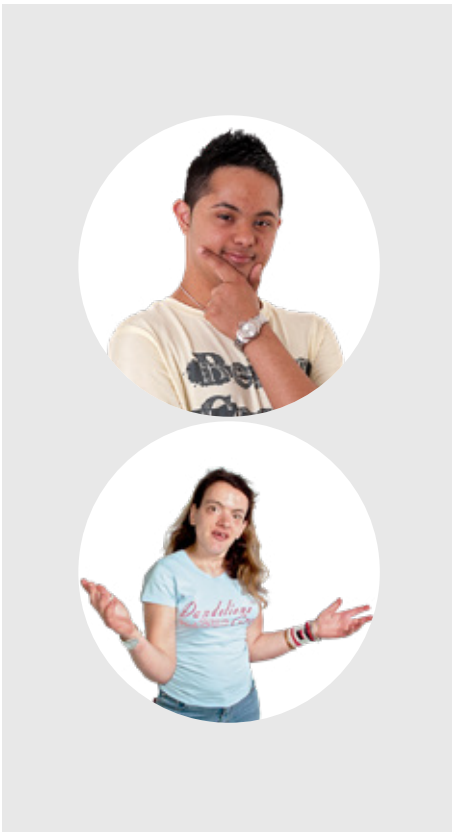


Guardianship is when someone is making decisions for you about your life.

Finding out what people think



We asked the NSW public to tell us what they think about the DRC recommendations.



We wanted to know their ideas for

- What the most important recommendations are
- Why they are the most important recommendations.



We heard from 28 people and services.

What people said



These are the key things the 28 people and services said.



People said **supported decision making** is important for people who need a guardian.



Supported decision making is when people around you support you to make decisions.



Most people said they do not think closing **specialist schools** is the right thing to do.



Specialist schools are schools where only children with disability go.



Many people said it was important to have more jobs for people with disability.



People said it would still be good to have both

- Workplaces just for people with disability
- More jobs in workplaces where people with and without disability work together.



Many people said there should be a new law called a **Commonwealth Disability Rights Act**.



The **Commonwealth Disability Rights Act** would make sure all people with disability in Australia get their rights.



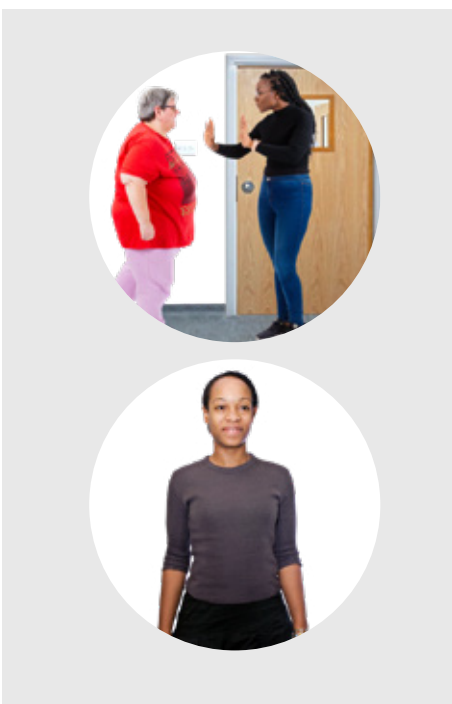
People said there should be better housing for people with disability to choose from.



People said there should be more and different types of houses for people with disability.



People said there should be less or no more **restrictive practices**.



Restrictive practices are things that stop you from

- Moving freely
- Doing what you want.



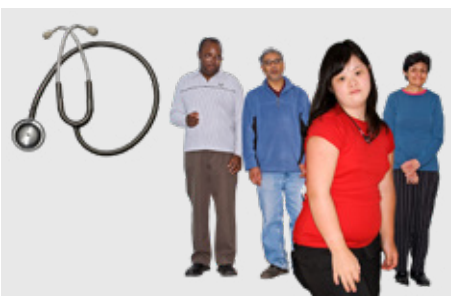
People said there should be a **policy** about the right to health care for people with disability.



Policy means the rules that health care places need to follow.



They agree with the idea to have **disability health navigators**.



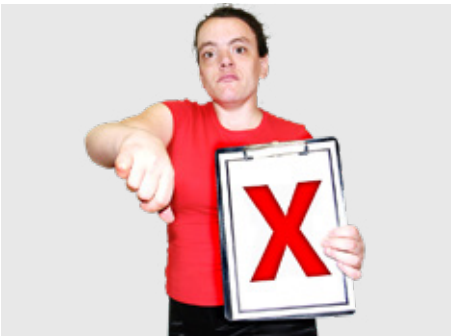
Disability health navigators support people with disability to find the health care they need.



People also like the idea to have more disability health services where students can go to learn.



People said it is important to make it easier for people to make **complaints**.



Complaints are when we say we are not happy with the health care.



There should be easy ways for people with disability to make complaints by

- Phone

- Online.



There should be more money for the **Official Community Visitors Scheme** to run in all of Australia.



Official Community Visitors Scheme is when someone visits older people who need support.



People said they support a plan to have more information in ways everyone can understand.



They said there should be more **Auslan interpreters**.



Auslan interpreters support people who are deaf or hard of hearing to talk to people who can hear.



**NDIS Quality
and Safeguards
Commission**

People said there should be changes to how the **NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission** works.



The **NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission** makes sure disability services are safe and do a good job.



People support the idea that services can share information about support workers.



They also think there should be more and better training for support workers.



People said the pay for support workers is hard to understand.



Some people said work on the **National Disability Agreement** was important.



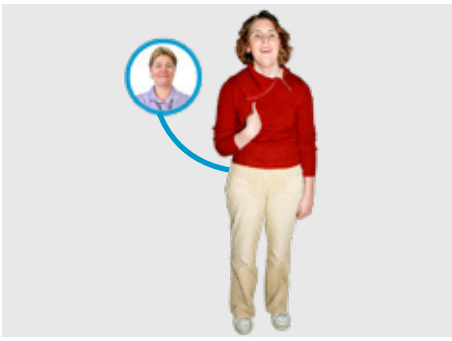
The **National Disability Agreement** says how all governments must work together.



People liked the ideas about how governments should run things in a way that everyone can be part of.



People said they support ideas for making places like jail better for people with disability.



People said it is important to work out which support service people can use if they can not find any others.



They said there needs to be a clear way for people to

- Choose the service
- Check often that the service is still good.

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