



## **Disability Royal Commission**

### **About the Royal Commission**

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (referred to as the Disability Royal Commission) was established in April 2019 in response to community concern about widespread reports of violence, abuse, neglect, abuse and exploitation of people with disability.

The Disability Royal Commission will investigate:

- Preventing and better protecting people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Achieving best practice in reporting, investigating and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.
- Promoting a more inclusive society that supports people with disability to be independent and live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The Disability Royal Commission gathers information through research, public hearings and the personal experiences people tell us about in submissions, private sessions and other forums.

They will deliver a final report to the Australian Government by 29 April 2022. In this report, the Royal Commission will recommend how to improve laws, policies, structures and practices to ensure a more inclusive and just society.

For more information go to: [www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au](http://www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au)

### **Experience of mental health and related challenges**

People who have experienced mental health challenges, trauma or alcohol and other drug issues (as well as their family members), are invited to provide a submission to the Royal Commission if they have experienced violence, abuse or neglect. This includes people who may have accessed services in the community, been hospitalised, gone to rehab and who have been in prison or interacted otherwise with the justice system.

The purpose of the Royal Commission is to determine ways to better support people and to uphold their rights. The Commission is seeking information about what works, as well as what has caused harm.

### **Support services for People with Disability and their Families**

In the Northern Territory there are several organisations are providing support to people to make a submission to the Royal Commission, as well as providing legal advocacy services and emotional support through counselling.

<b>Counselling Support Services</b>	
<b>Blue Knot Foundation</b> Phone: 1800 421 468 / 02 6146 1468 Email: <a href="mailto:helpline@blueknot.org.au">helpline@blueknot.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.blueknot.org.au">www.blueknot.org.au</a>	<b>National</b>
<b>Relationships Australia Northern Territory</b> Phone: 08 8923 4999 (Darwin) Phone: 08 8950 4100 (Alice Springs) Email: <a href="mailto:rantreception@ra-nt.org.au">rantreception@ra-nt.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.nt.relationships.org.au">www.nt.relationships.org.au</a>	<b>NT Wide</b>
<b>Danila Dilba Health Service Aboriginal Corporation</b> Phone: 08 8942 5400 Email: <a href="mailto:info@ddhs.org.au">info@ddhs.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ddhs.org.au">www.ddhs.org.au</a>	<b>Top End</b>
<b>Disability Royal Commission Advocacy Support</b>	
<b>Darwin Community Legal Service</b> Phone: 1800 812 953 Email: <a href="mailto:info@dcls.org.au">info@dcls.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.dcls.org.au">www.dcls.org.au</a>	<b>Top End</b>
<b>Disability Advocacy Service</b> Phone: 08 8953 1422 Email: <a href="mailto:admin@das.org.au">admin@das.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.das.org.au">www.das.org.au</a>	<b>Central Australia</b>
<b>Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council</b> Phone: 08 8958 2345 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@npywc.org.au">enquiries@npywc.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.npywc.org.au">www.npywc.org.au</a>	<b>Central Australia</b>
<b>Legal Advisory Service</b>	
<b>Your Story Disability Legal Services (NT Legal Aid Commission)</b> Phone: 1800 771 800 Email: <a href="mailto:info@legalaid.nt.gov.au">info@legalaid.nt.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au">www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au</a>	<b>NT wide</b>
<b>North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)</b> Phone: 1800 898 251 / 08 8982 5100 Email: <a href="mailto:mail@naaja.org.au">mail@naaja.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.naaja.org.au">www.naaja.org.au</a>	<b>NT wide</b>