



DACSSA
DISABILITY ADVOCACY

DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION

Royal Commission in Abuse, Neglect, Violence & Exploitation of People with Disability

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

www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au

Why do we have Royal Commissions?

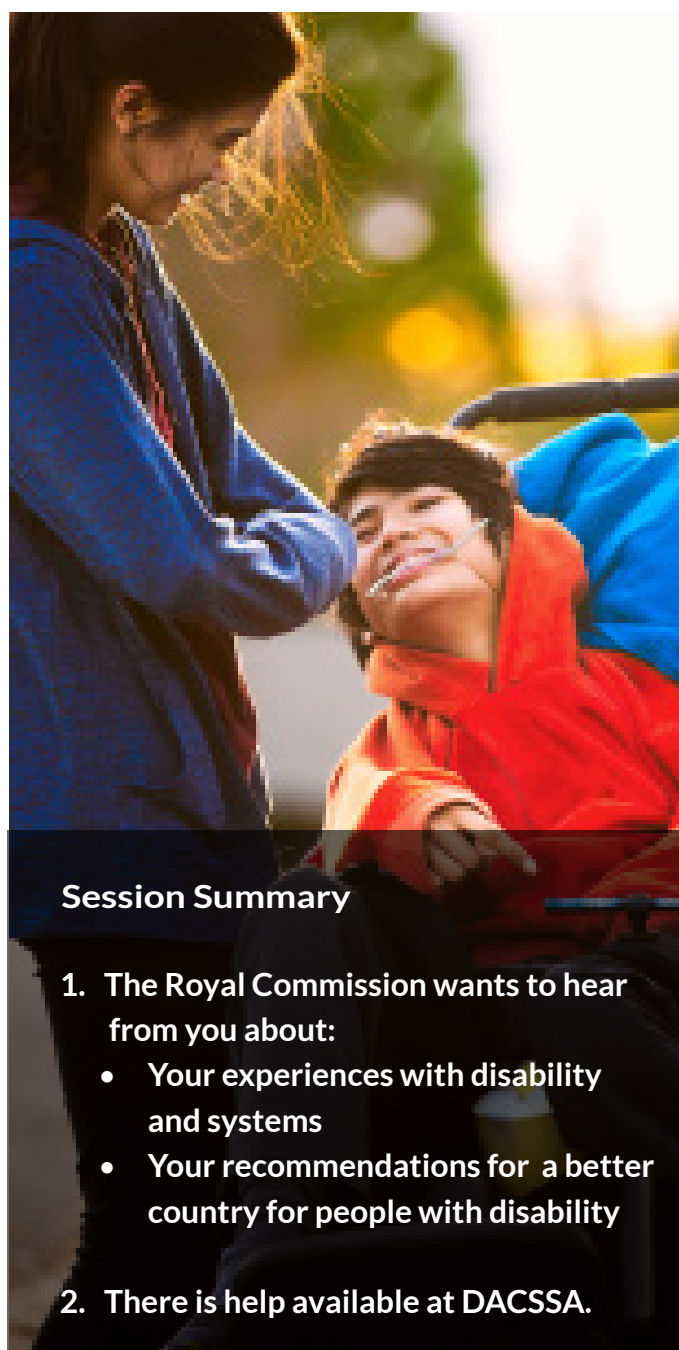
Royal Commissions help to collect a broad range of information including:

- Why something may have been happening
- For how long something may have been happening
- Who or what has been affected by it
- Recommendations for fixing and preventing what’s been happening.

What is a Submission?

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



Session Summary

1. The Royal Commission wants to hear from you about:

- **Your experiences with disability and systems**
- **Your recommendations for a better country for people with disability**

2. There is help available at DACSSA.

www.dacssa.org.au

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Advocacy Support

How DACSSA is able to assist:
DACSSA works 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
- Preparing documents for a submission
- Access helpful services

Legal Support

There is free and independent legal advice available to you:

National Legal Advisory Service ('NLAS') & National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service ('NATSILS').

Phone - [1800 771 800](tel:1800771800) Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 5.15pm (AEDT).

National Relay Service - 133 677 and give 1800 771 800 as the number you want to call

Other languages - 1800 771 800 and ask for an interpreter or;
call 131 450 and ask for the Disability Royal



Other docs to be given with this
handout:

- Our DRC fact sheet
- Submission fact sheet

Counselling Support

Talking about these things can be tough. There is free counselling support available to you and anyone affected by the Disability Royal Commission.

Blue Knot Foundation

Phone - 1800 421 468 (9am - 6pm AEDT Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm AEDT Saturday, Sunday and public holidays).

National Relay Service - 133 677 and give 02 6146 1468 as the number you want to call.

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use the free Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) - 131 450 and ask to be connected to Blue Knot Foundation's national hotline on 1800 421 468.