



**Royal Commission**  
into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation  
of People with Disability

# Sharing your story in a private session



## Who can apply for a private session?

Anyone with a disability, and their families, carers and supporters, wanting to share their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation in person with a Commissioner.

## How do I apply?



**Email at**  
DRCenquiries  
@royalcommission.gov.au



## Telephone

1800 517 199 or 07 3734 1900  
from 9:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday AEDT

## Post at

GPO Box 1422, Brisbane Qld, 4001

## What happens next?

Our private sessions team will be in touch to arrange a date for your private session and ask you for information including whether you have a preference for a Commissioner.



## What happens at a private session?



At your private session, you will be able to share your experiences in person with a Commissioner.



A private session lasts about an hour or two. You may bring documents or notes with you.



A counsellor will be available to support you after the session and will follow up with you a week later.



You will receive a thank you card and the opportunity to send your message to Australia.

## What next?

For most people, your private session will be the end of your involvement with the Royal Commission.

Your identity and the information you share in a private session is confidential. However, with your consent, we may publish aspects of your experience on our website or in our reports and publications in a way that does not identify you or anyone else.

We will put you in touch with a range of services to best meet your circumstances. These may include counselling and legal services.



**For more information on Private sessions visit**  
[www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au/shareyourstory](http://www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au/shareyourstory)

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# Making a submission to the Disability Royal Commission

## Who can make a submission?

**Anyone** with a disability, and their families, carers and supporters, wanting to share their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.



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## What happens to my submission?

When we receive your submission we will respond personally to you. We may suggest options for further reporting, counselling and support, or legal advice.



## How will my submission be used?

All submissions are read by our Submissions team. Audio-visual submissions and submissions made in languages other than English, including Auslan, will be transcribed and translated so they can be read by our team.

If you consent, your submission may be published on our website or in our reports and publications. Depending on what you agree, your identity or other parts of your information may be kept confidential. If you do not wish us to publish your submission it will remain confidential for the life of the Royal Commission.



## What next?

For most people, **sharing your experiences** in a submission will be the end of your involvement with the Royal Commission. In very rare circumstances, we may contact you if we need more information or to ask you to take part in a public hearing.

Sharing your experiences in a submission can be hard. **Blue Knot Foundation** provides trauma informed telephone counselling for people engaging with the Royal Commission. Call **1800 421 468** 9:00am to 6:00pm AEDT weekdays or 9:00am to 5:00pm weekends.

Your Story Disability Legal Support is a national legal service, independent from the Royal Commission. It can provide you free legal support.  
Call **1800 77 1800** Monday to Friday.

