



NSW Government submission to the Disability Royal Commission



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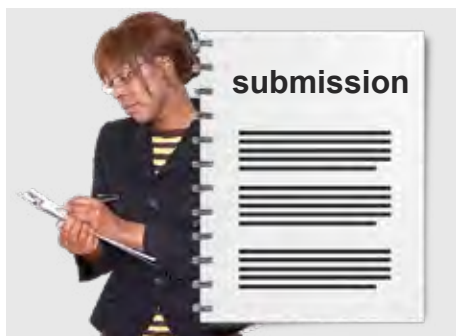


This information sheet is about the NSW Government **submission** to the **Disability Royal Commission**.



The **Disability Royal Commission** looks into the big problems for people with disability.

We will say **Commission** for short.



A **submission** is how we tell the Commission

- What we know about the problems for people with disability
- What we do to make things better for people with disability.



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Better information about disability



We know there needs to be better information about disability in NSW.



We need better information about things like

- How many people have disability
- What kind of disability they have.



If we have better information we can make the right services to help people.



We have made new plans to get and use information about people with disability in NSW.

1 of these plans is called the **NSW Government Data Strategy.**

The rights of people with disability



People with disability have the same rights as everyone else.



We made laws to make sure people with disability in NSW get the same rights.

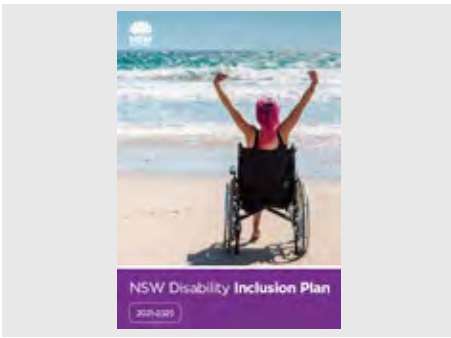


1 law is called the **NSW Disability Inclusion Act**.



This law says

- All people with disability should be part of the community
- Services must help people with disability be part of the community.



We made our own **Disability Inclusion Plan**.

This plan says how our government will help people with disability be part of the community.



We made more supports for people with disability who get **abused**.

Abuse means when someone treats you very bad.



1 of the supports is the **Ageing and Disability Commission**.

This helps people with disability get their rights if they are abused.



We also gave money to services that stand up for rights for people with disability.

Aboriginal people with disability



We know that too many Aboriginal people with disability are in jail.



There are also too many Aboriginal kids with disability in **out of home care**.

Out of home care is when a kid has to live with people who do not live with their parents.



We made a plan that says how we will make things better for all Aboriginal people.

The plan is called the **Closing the Gap Implementation Plan**.



We gave more money to services that help Aboriginal people with disability.



The services will help Aboriginal people with disability with things like

- Being healthy
- Living in a good home

Services for Aboriginal kids and families with disability



We know Aboriginal kids and families need services that know and respect

- Their disability
- Their **culture**.



Culture means the way you do things because of the place you or your family are from.



We gave more money to programs that help Aboriginal kids and families with disability.



1 of the programs is called **Brighter Beginnings**.



Brighter Beginnings will make sure all kids in NSW get **health checks** in preschool.

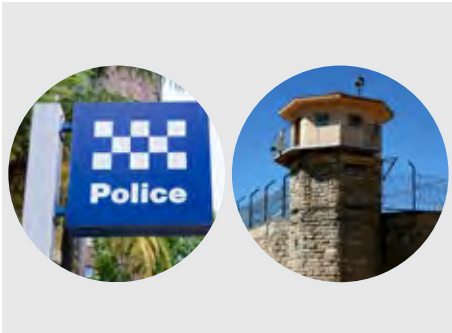


Health checks help find out if kids need more support for their disability.



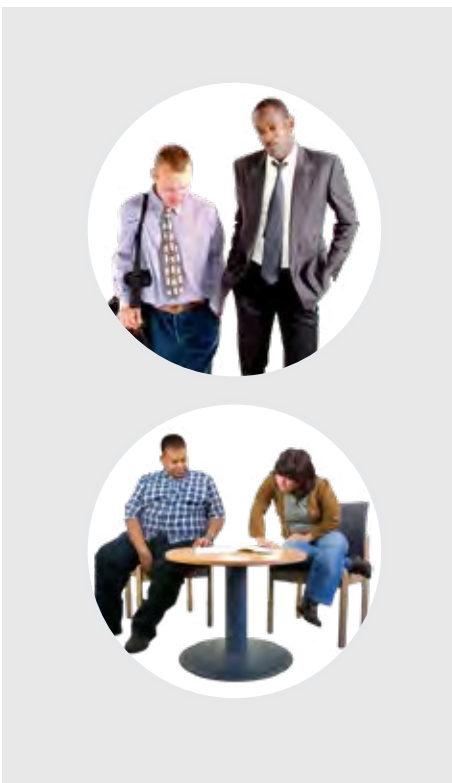
We are making changes that will help Aboriginal families stay together.

People with disability in the criminal justice system



We know lots of people with disability are in the **criminal justice system**.

The **criminal justice system** means services like the police and jails.



People with disability need other services to

- Stop them going into the criminal justice system
- Get the support they need.



We gave more money to the **Justice Advocacy Service**.

This service helps people with intellectual disability in the criminal justice system.



We gave more money to **Community and Court Liaison Services** in NSW.

These services help people with **mental illness** who need to go to court.



Mental illness is a medical condition that can cause problems with how you think and feel.



We gave more money to services that help Aboriginal people with disability in the criminal justice system.



We know too many young people with disability are in the criminal justice system.



We made a plan so these young people get the support they need.

This is called the **Youth Justice NSW Disability Action Plan**.



We are already doing some of the things in the plan like

- Finding better ways to keep information about young people with disability
- Teaching workers in the criminal justice system about disability.

Women and girls with disability



We know lots of women and girls with disability are abused.



We know they are abused more than any other people.



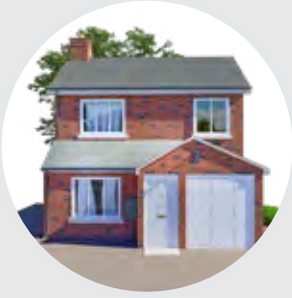
We changed our law so more women and girls with disability can be safe from abuse.



We made a new job in our government to help keep all women and girls safe.

It is called the **Womens Safety Commissioner**.

We gave more money to services that help women and girls with things like



- Finding somewhere to live



- Going to court



- Going to school.



We gave more money to another program called **Safer Pathways**.



Safer Pathways helps women and girls with disability who have had **domestic and family violence** happen to them.



Domestic violence is when you are hurt by someone you live with.



Family violence is when you are hurt by someone from your family.

Health for people with disability



Health Services are making changes to better support people with disability.



Health staff are doing training to learn how to better support people with disability.



We have made new health services that are just for people with disability.



1 of these services is called the **Intellectual Disability Health Service.**



The **Intellectual Disability Health Service** helps people with intellectual disability get good health care.



We made sure all our information about COVID-19 is easy to read.



We gave money to services to help Aboriginal people with disability with their **mental health**.

Mental health means how we feel and think.

Education for kids with disability



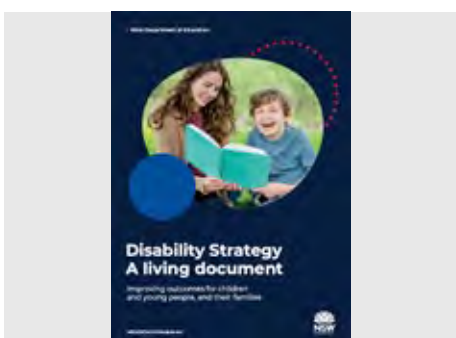
Kids with disability need good **education** to live good lives.

Education means schools.



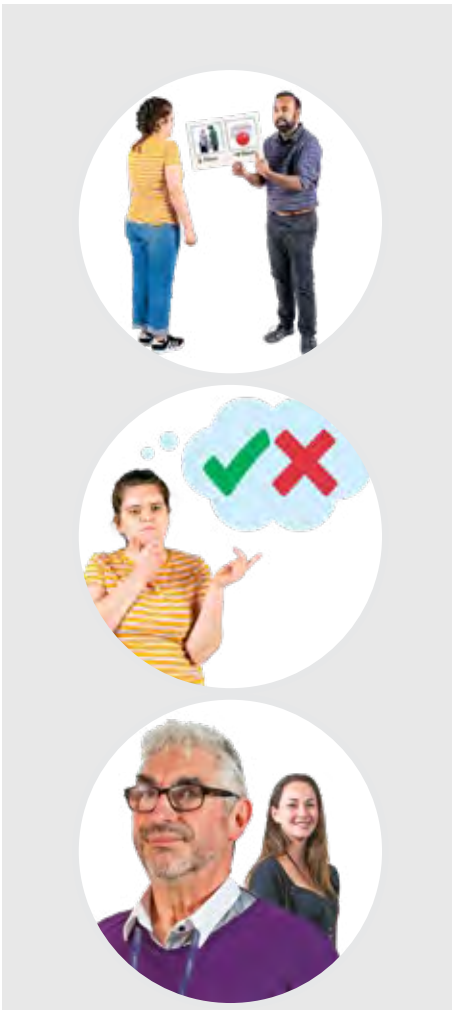
We want to make sure all kids with disability in NSW get education that

- Helps them be part of things at school
- Supports their disability.



We made a plan to do this.

It is called the **NSW Department of Education Disability Strategy**.



This plan talks about some of the things we will do to make schools better.

They include

- More kids with disability will get support to learn
- Kids with disability will get good support to make decisions
- There will be more teachers who know how to support kids with disability.



We gave more money to preschools and day cares to help kids with disability.



We made sure kids with disability may go to

- Schools with kids who do not have disability
- Schools just for kids with disability.

More to do



We know there is more to do to make sure people with disability are

- Safe
- A part of the community.



We will keep making changes in NSW to make things better for people with disability.



We will follow **Australia's Disability Strategy**.

It says what all governments can do to make things better for people with disability.

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