



Helping you share your story with the Disability Royal Commission

Do you have a disability, and have you been treated badly?

We can help you share your story and help make life better and safer for Australians with disability.

Has something happened to you or someone you know who has a disability? Do you want to talk about it?

You can talk to ADA Australia in confidence. We can help you to share your story to help make changes for Australians with disability. We provide free advocacy support for people with disability to access and be heard in the Disability Royal Commission.

What is the Disability Royal Commission?

The Disability Royal Commission is investigating reports of violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation of people with disability across Australia.

It is separate to the government and it can make recommendations about what needs to be changed to make life better and safer for Australians with disability.

What things can I talk about?

The Royal Commission wants to hear about if you have been hurt, treated badly, refused help or taken advantage of. It might be when applying for a job, living in a group home, going to hospital or getting medical help, accessing services, or across any other areas of your life.

It can be recent, or it might have happened a long time ago. That's OK.

Why should I share my story?

It will help the Royal Commission learn more about problems and how they can help prevent them in the future. It can also sometimes help to have your experiences heard and acknowledged.

Can I be anonymous?

You can talk to ADA Australia in confidence, we always protect the privacy of our clients. You can also tell your story anonymously if you wish. We will talk to you about privacy and confidentiality for the Disability Royal Commission.

How can ADA Australia help?

ADA Australia will:

- Listen and link you with any immediate support you need, for example, help to access services, stop discrimination, or make complaints.
- Talk about how you might share your story, if you decide you want to participate in the Disability Royal Commission.
- Help you tell your story in your words and in the way that suits you best - writing it down, making a video or audio recording, using and creating pictures.
- Submit your story to the Royal Commission, or help you arrange a private session to talk about your experiences if you would like to do this.
- Organise any support you need such as an interpreter, communication or legal support.
- Link you with support for ongoing counselling and/or psychological support as needed.

Where is the support available?

Free advocacy support to participate in the Disability Royal Commission is available to residents in:

- Central Queensland including Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gladstone, the Fitzroy, Livingstone, Gladstone, Banana and Woorabinda Shires and the Central Highlands
- Gold Coast and Hinterland.

If you live outside these areas, please contact us and we can connect you with other advocacy organisations in our network for help.

