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Acknowledgement of Country





ADA Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.



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

Disability Royal Commission



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What is it?

-  **Investigating** violence, neglect, abuse and exploitation of people with disability across Australia
-  **Separate from the Australian Government and State Governments**
-  **Recommendations** About changes that are needed to make life better and safer for Australians with disability



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What it is not

✘ Resolve individual disputes

✘ Fix or award compensation

✘ Make orders requiring a party to take or not take any action

Contact ADA Australia for help with complaints or disputes



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Your voice - Your experience

- Share your story if you, or someone you know, has been:
 - hurt, treated badly, refused help or taken advantage of
- It can be in any area of your life:
 - at schools, workplaces, prisons, group home, boarding house or family homes, hospitals
- Recent or a long time ago
- Have your experiences heard and acknowledged
- Raise awareness and recommendations for change



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Why share my story?

-  Helps the Disability Royal Commission to learn more about the problem
-  Understand how Disability Royal Commission can help prevent it in the future.
-  Understand the extent of the problem.
-  Learn more about the contexts in which abuse is more likely to occur
-  Understand the impacts on people with disability, their families, support people and our community.
-  Gather information relevant to Disability Royal Commission investigations and research program.
-  Help to make recommendations to prevent it from happening again.



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Who can share a story?

-  THE INDIVIDUAL THEMSELVES
-  SOMEONE TO MAKE IT ON BEHALF OF THE INDIVIDUAL
-  AN ORGANISATION



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What can I talk about?

Questions to think about.....

- What happened?
- Did you report it?
- What was the response?
- Are there any suggestions or recommendations you would like to share?
- What would you like to tell Australia about your hopes for the future?



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How can ADA Australia help?

- Listen and link you with any immediate support you need
- Talk about how you might share your story
- Help you tell your story in your own words your own way
- Submit your story
- Organise an interpreter or communication support
- Link you with counselling or psychological support as needed
 - Blue Knot Foundation: 1800 421 468
 - Micah Projects: 07 3036 4490
- Talk to us in confidence and protect your identity



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What ADA Australia can't do

- We cannot:
 - Act as a lawyer; or
 - Provide legal advice.
- Your Story Disability Legal Support
 - free and independent legal advice to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.
 - Phone: 1800 77 1800



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Where our support is available



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



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Contact ADA Australia

- Free call on 1800 818 338
- Email info@adaaustralia.com.au
- Online enquiry at www.adaaustralia.com.au/disability-royal-commission
- QR Code on our A5 Flyer



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**We hope this information has helped you
understand more about the
Disability Royal Commission.**

We look forward to hearing from you



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Other Services ADA Australia can offer

- Aged Care Advocacy
- Disability Advocacy
- Systemic Advocacy
- ADA Law (community legal clinic) can help clients with:
 - Human Rights Advocacy and legal help
 - Elder Abuse Advocacy
 - Mental Health Tribunal Advocacy
- Education Sessions about:
 - Advocacy
 - Understanding decision making
 - Health decision making
 - Elder Abuse information

