

TELL YOUR STORY



**SPEAK UP
BE HEARD
YOU MATTER!**



- **VIOLENCE:** If someone is hurting you
- **ABUSE:** If someone is treating you badly
- **NEGLECT:** If someone is not helping you the way they are supposed to help you
- **EXPLOITATION:** If someone is taking advantage of you

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

The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear from people with disability or their families or carers about their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Disability Rights Advocacy Service provides a free advocacy service for people wanting to tell their story to the Disability Royal Commission. Our advocates will assist you to complete your submission in the way you are most comfortable with, in writing, through recording your story or through phone or video link up (where possible). Advocates will also assist you to access the free legal and counselling services that are available to people making submissions.

Contact Disability Rights Advocacy Service
Ph: 8351 9500 to talk with an Advocate who will listen to what has gone wrong for you or for someone you

might know and what you believe needs to be done to fix these issues. The Advocate will discuss with you how we can help you prepare your submission, collect any documents you might need and support you through the process, including participating in any hearings.

Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to tell their stories and there are free interpreting services available to assist you to do this.

Relationships Australia and the Blue Knot Foundation have been funded to provide counselling support to people telling their stories to the Disability Royal Commission.

If you are affected by your contact with the Disability Royal Commission or by abuse you might have suffered in the past you should call Relationships Australia on Ph: 1800 577 571 or the Blue Knot Counselling and Referral Service on 1800 421 468

You are not alone, we can help you tell your story
(08) 8351 9500

Ask for the Disability Royal Commission Advocate