

## What is the Disability Royal Commission?

A Royal Commission looks into problems that are important to the community. There is a Royal Commission for people with disability called the Disability Royal Commission. The Disability Royal Commission started because some people with disability said bad things had been done to them.

The Disability Royal Commission is looking into how to

- protect people with disability from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- be better at reporting, investigating and responding when people with disability experience violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- work towards a more inclusive society that supports people with disability to be independent and live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Violence is when someone is hurting you physically. Abuse is if someone is treating you badly. Neglect is when someone does not help you in the way they should. Exploitation is when someone takes advantage of you.

The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear from people with disability about their experiences and about how things can be improved. These stories can be about things that happened recently or a long time ago.



## How can Side By Side Advocacy help?

Side By Side Advocacy is one organisation that can help people with disability share their stories with the Disability Royal Commission.

If you have a story that you want to share, we can help you to

- learn more about what the Disability Royal Commission is doing
- decide if you want to share your story
- plan the best way for you to share your story
- support you to contact the Royal Commission in a way that suits you
- connect with support from other organisations such as legal advice or counseling.

## Who can access Disability Royal Commission Advocacy?

You can access Disability Royal Commission Advocacy from Side By Side Advocacy if you have a disability and live in the Northern Suburbs of Greater Sydney. We specialise in advocacy for people with intellectual disability.

## Contact

You can contact Side By Side Advocacy if you or someone you know would like to access Disability Royal Commission Advocacy.

You can call us on (02) 9808 5500

You can call 131 450 to speak to us in your language.



You can send us an email at [info@sidebysideadvocacy.org.au](mailto:info@sidebysideadvocacy.org.au)

You can visit us at Shop 1, 30-32 Herbert Street, West Ryde NSW 2114

Our advocates travel around Sydney, so it is best to make an appointment if you plan to visit us at our office. That way, you will know that an advocate will be there to speak to you.

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