

DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION

Workshop for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
people, and their families, friends and
supporters



Communications

- Livestreaming via Facebook and Zoom
- Questions & Answers
 - SMS 0431 476 721
 - Facebook live video as written comment
 - Zoom webinar request video
 - Zoom webinar as written comment

Introductions

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Acknowledgement of Deaf Community members
- Thanks to Victorian DHHS for funding this project
- Deaf Victoria + people involved

Overview

- Housekeeping
- Aims of this workshop
- Acknowledgement of diverse experiences
- Acknowledgement of today's subject matter
- Why we are here
- Definitions
- Q&As

Definitions: Disability

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory **impairments** which in interaction with various **barriers** may hinder their full and effective **participation** in society on an equal basis with others.

Impairment + barrier = disability

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Intended outcomes

- preventing and better protecting people with disability
- achieving best practice in reporting, investigating and responding
- promoting a more inclusive society that supports people with disability to be independent and live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Definitions: Violence + Abuse

Violence and abuse cover a range of behaviours towards people with a disability. These could include **assault, sexual assault, constraints, restrictive practices** (physical and chemical), **forced treatments, forced interventions, humiliation and harassment, financial and economic abuse** and **significant violations of privacy and dignity on a systemic or individual basis.**

Definitions: Neglect

Neglect includes **physical** or **emotional** neglect, **passive** neglect or **wilful** deprivation. Neglect can be a single significant incident or a systemic issue that involves depriving a person with disability of the basic necessities of life such as food, drink, shelter, access, mobility, clothing, education, medical care and treatment.


Definitions: Exploitation

Exploitation is when a person **takes advantage** of someone else. This could include **improper use of another person** or the **improper use of or withholding of another person's assets, labour, employment or resources** including taking physical, sexual, financial or economic advantage.

Issues Paper

- First Nations People with Disability
- Restrictive Practices
- Employment
- Rights and Attitudes
- Emergency Planning and Response
- Criminal Justice System
- Health care for people with cognitive disabilities
- Group Homes
- Education and Learning

How to submit



The infographic is divided into two purple rounded rectangular panels. The left panel is titled 'How do I apply?' and lists three methods: Post, Email, and Telephone. The right panel is titled 'What happens to my submission?' and describes the response process. Yellow curved arrows connect the two panels, indicating a flow from application to response. Icons include an envelope, an '@' symbol, a telephone handset, an open book with a red 'i', and a speech bubble with two horizontal lines.

How do I apply?

Post at
GPO Box 1422,
Brisbane Qld, 4001

Email at
DRCenquiries
@royalcommission.gov.au

Telephone
1800 517 199
or 07 3734 1900
from 9:00am to 6:00pm
Monday to Friday AEDT

What happens to my submission?

When we receive your submission we will respond personally to you. We may suggest options for further reporting, counselling and support, or legal advice.

Sharing your story

- Auslan or English
- Online
- Telephone, email, letter, video
- Public hearings
- Ask for a private hearing

Key questions

- What happened?
 - *When, where, who*
- Did you report it?
 - *Who, when, what, where, barriers*
- Response?
- Recommendations for change?
- Anything else?

It doesn't matter if you don't remember everything

Confidentiality & Legal Rights

- You will be protected
- If you are afraid of retribution, let DRC know
- Your Story Disability Legal Support is a free, national service separate from the Royal Commission. They can give information and legal advice to people about safely sharing their story with the Royal Commission.

Questions + Answers

Send your questions in English or Auslan to:

- SMS Deaf Victoria at 0431 476 721
- Facebook messenger to Deaf Victoria's Facebook
- Comment in Zoom messenger (can also do video comments)
- Comments on Deaf Victoria's Facebook Page

If we get more questions than we have time for, we will answer them later on Deaf Victoria's Facebook page

Thank you

- Contact Blue Knot Foundation or Drummond St if you are feeling distressed + other links on DV's FB page
- Contact Deaf Victoria Individual Advocacy Officer, Catherine Dunn at SMS: 0431 476 721 or email: advocacy@deafvictoria.org.au to book a time
- Contact Mark Sandon at mark@amida.org.au to submit