

Guide to Disability Royal Commission support services



Support is here for you.

NDAP

National Disability
Advocacy Program



Australian Government

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Lands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Artwork story

This artwork was developed by Indigenous artist Keisha Thomason.

It represents building support communities, binding together in strength and resilience.

The circles are representative of the following:

Safe Supportive Communities

Indigenous Australians to feel comfortable to reach out and access support services available to them.

Diversity

Diversity in people, as well as programs and services that improve the wellbeing of people and families in Australia.

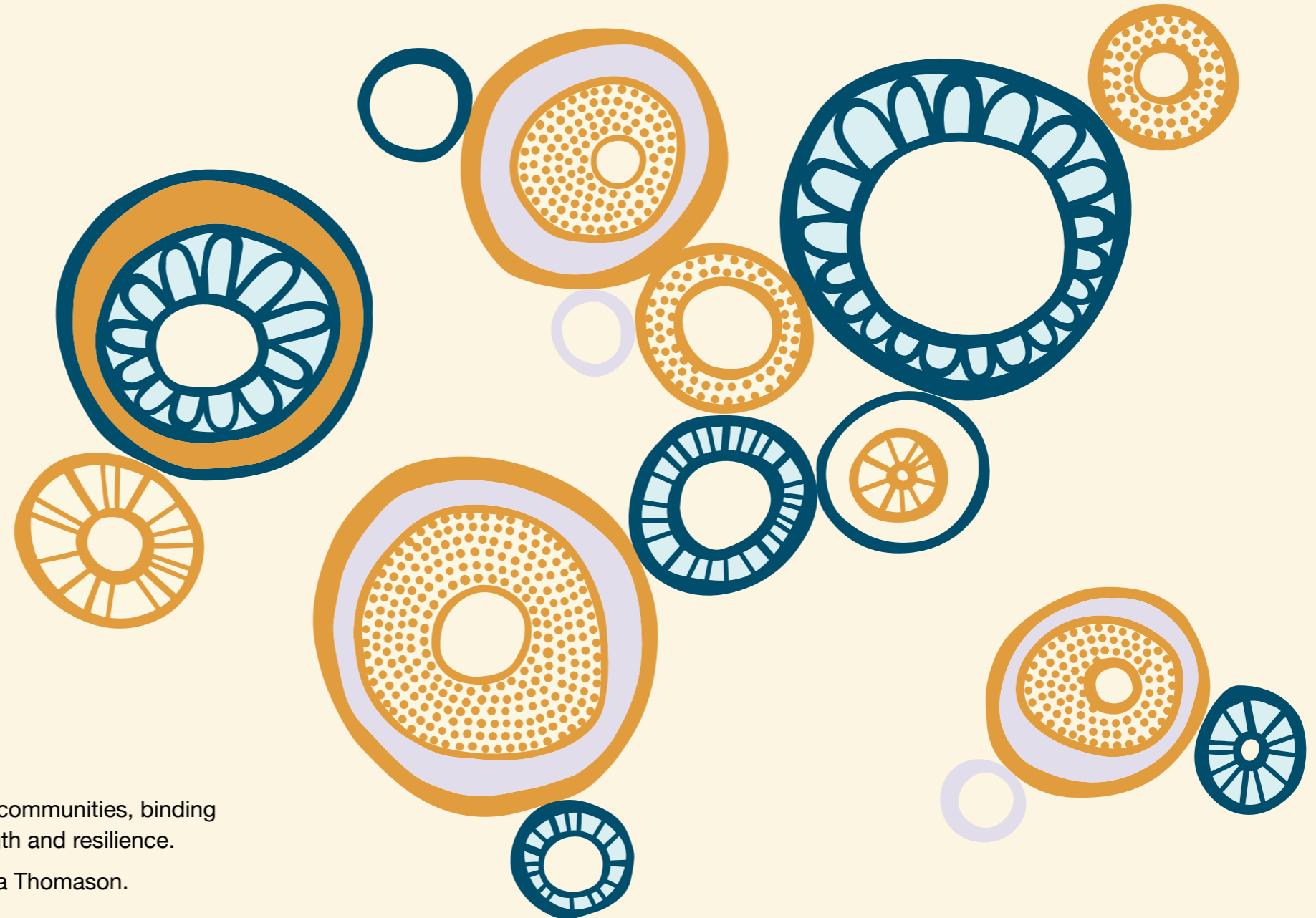
Inclusion

Making people of all backgrounds and disabilities feel included and supported.

Artwork credit

Building support communities, binding together in strength and resilience.

Artwork by Keisha Thomason.



What is the Disability Royal Commission?

The Disability Royal Commission was established in April 2019 in response to community concern about widespread reports of violence against, and the neglect, abuse and exploitation of, people with disability. These incidents might have happened recently or a long time ago. The Disability Royal Commission is investigating:

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

The Disability Royal Commission gathers information through research, public hearings and the personal experiences people talk about in submissions, private sessions and other forums.

The Disability Royal Commission will deliver a final report to the Australian Government by September 2023.





Introduction to support services

You might need support from a counsellor or an advocate if you:

- have ever been hurt, treated badly or taken advantage of
- are thinking about taking part in the Disability Royal Commission.

This booklet includes information on free and independent counselling, advocacy and legal support services available to help you.

These support services are funded by the Australian Government.

National Counselling and Referral Service

To find out more about how you can get support you can contact the National Counselling and Referral Service on **1800 421 468**. You can get emotional support or ask to be connected to a disability advocate, counsellor or legal service near you.

It is available 9am to 6pm weekdays, and 9am to 5pm weekends and national public holidays.

The National Counselling and Referral Service is run by Blue Knot Foundation, an organisation which is independent from the Government and the Disability Royal Commission.

There are also a number of other organisations across Australia funded to deliver independent advocacy, legal and ongoing counselling services. These services include face-to face, medium-term, trauma-informed counselling for people with further needs.

The National Counselling and Referral Service may refer you to these organisations where needed or you can contact these organisations directly.

For a full list of counselling, advocacy and legal providers in your state/territory go to the back of this booklet.

For more information on support services available to you visit the Department of Social Services website at **dss.gov.au/disability-royal-commission-support**

Counselling – it could be for you

Have you experienced or witnessed someone being hurt, treated badly or taken advantage of? Are you or is someone you know thinking of telling their story to the Disability Royal Commission? You may feel that you need emotional support.

Free, independent and confidential counselling support is available to help you.

Counselling support can help you whether you are a person with disability, family member, carer, support worker or advocate of someone with disability.

You can access counselling in a number of ways and this will depend on the organisation you contact. These include talking over the phone, meeting face to face, online chat and video call.

A counsellor can support you to:

- discuss your feelings and emotions in a safe and confidential environment
- understand more about what has happened to you and how it has affected you
- find ways to think about a problem or issue
- make choices about telling your story to the Disability Royal Commission
- find other practical supports available to you.

You can take your time to think about getting support. It's here for you when you are ready.

To receive emotional support and find out more about how you can get ongoing support you can contact the National Counselling and Referral Service on **1800 421 468** and ask to be connected to a counsellor near you.

See the full list of providers at the back of this booklet to find a counselling service near you.



Counselling explained

Counselling is another word for 'emotional support'. Emotional support is about having a safe space where you can be listened to, heard, validated and believed.

Counselling can help you to make sense of things that have happened to you or that you have seen, and work through how they have affected you.

Many people think that counselling is just for people with mental illness or may feel ashamed about needing it, but counselling is for everyone.

If you have been treated badly, you may find it difficult to feel safe sharing your story with someone you don't know. This is understandable. Counsellors providing support are experienced in working with people with disability and those who have experienced trauma.

Counselling is confidential and independent. This means that your information is kept private and your counselling is not part of the Government or the Disability Royal Commission.





Meeting with a counsellor

Going to counselling can make some people anxious. Preparing for your first counselling session can help reduce some of the anxiety you might have. Getting ready for your session could involve thinking about what you want to talk about and what you want to get out of the session, or even writing things down. It is important to remember that you may not be able to say everything in one session and can have more if you find it useful.

You are welcome to have a support person such as a family member, friend or support worker present at your counselling sessions, whether that be over the phone or in person.

Getting support does not mean you have to take part in the Disability Royal Commission – it is your choice.

Advocacy – help for you to speak up

If you have been hurt, treated badly or taken advantage of and are thinking of telling your story to the Disability Royal Commission, you may feel that you need support.

Advocacy support is for people with disability who have difficulty communicating or need assistance to understand how to engage with the Disability Royal Commission. This service is also available to family members or carers acting on behalf of someone with disability.

Advocacy support is free, independent and confidential.

An advocate can help you to:

- protect your rights
- work out problems
- find communication supports
- access other supports such as legal or financial services.

You can take your time to think about getting support. It's here for you when you are ready.

To find out more about how you can get advocacy support you can contact the National Counselling and Referral Service on **1800 421 468** and ask to be connected to an advocate near you.

See the full list of providers at the back of this booklet to find an advocacy organisation near you.





Advocacy explained

An advocate is a support person that can help you speak up when you can't speak up for yourself. They can also help family members or carers acting on your behalf to help you tell your story.

An advocate can help you to understand and participate in the process of telling your story to the Disability Royal Commission if you want to, and talk about options to tell your story.

Advocates are independent – they are not part of the Government or the Disability Royal Commission.

An advocate will also not make decisions for you or tell you what to do. It is your decision if you want to tell your story to the Disability Royal Commission and how you would like to do that.

They can help you tell your story in any way that feels comfortable for you. You can draw it, write it down, tell it over the phone, or they can type it out for you.

Meeting with an advocate

An advocate might be able to come and see you in person or chat with you over the phone or through a video call.

They can also organise communication supports such as an Auslan interpreter if you need.

You are welcome to bring a family member or friend if you do not want to see an advocate alone. A counsellor can also be present to support you during an appointment with an advocate.

Your advocate is there for as long as it takes you to decide to participate in the Disability Royal Commission (or not) and share your story.

You do not need to do anything before you talk to an advocate. If it helps you, you can start thinking about or writing down what you want to talk about

Most people can expect to work with the same advocate throughout their journey. However, you are welcome to ask to change to a different advocate if you are not comfortable with the one you start with.

Getting support does not mean you have to take part in the Disability Royal Commission – it is your choice.





Your Story Disability Legal Support

Your Story Disability Legal Support can support you to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission. The service gives free, confidential legal advice and support and is independent from the Disability Royal Commission.

Your Story Disability Legal Support can work with you to:

- decide how to tell your story
- support you to make a submission to the Royal Commission
- support you in a private session with the Royal Commission
- support you before, during and after you tell your story
- connect you with counselling and advocacy support.

If the service can't help you solve your legal or non-legal problem, they will connect you with someone who can. Our social worker can also support you to tell your story.

Your Story Disability Legal Support is a national service that supports people with disability, their family, friends, carers, supporters and advocates. If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, we can connect you with an Aboriginal legal service.

Contact Your Story Disability Legal Services on **1800 77 1800** or visit **yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au**

Accessibility

Find information about counselling and advocacy supports on the Department of Social Services website in accessible formats such as Easy Read, Auslan and translated material at: dss.gov.au/disability-royal-commission-support

Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Culturally appropriate support is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability and their families. Indigenous-run support is available in some areas.

Support for people in other languages

If you need counselling or advocacy support in another language, you can use the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) free of charge. Call the National Counselling and Referral Service on **1800 421 468** and ask for an interpreter or call TIS National on **131 450**.

Support for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment you can contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). Please phone **133 677**.

Support for people who are blind or vision impaired

You can request a Braille and Large Print fact sheet by emailing the Department of Social Services at DRCsupports@dss.gov.au with the recipient's name and address.





Disability Gateway

Connecting you to information and services

If you are looking for general information on disability support services, visit the Disability Gateway.

The Disability Gateway includes a website, a dedicated 1800-phone number and social media channels. It assists people with disability, their families and carers, to find and access trusted information and services.

The Disability Gateway is for all Australians with disability, whether they are a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participant or not.

Visit **disabilitygateway.gov.au** or call the dedicated Disability Gateway phone line on **1800 643 787** for more information.

List of counselling providers Current as of May 2021.

National

Blue Knot Foundation – National Counselling and Referral Service

☎ 1800 421 468 or
02 6146 1468
🌐 blueknot.org.au

ACT

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region

☎ 02 6122 7100
🌐 racr.org.au

NSW

Relationships Australia New South Wales

☎ 02 9418 8800
🌐 relationshipsnsw.org.au/support-services/disability-royal-commission-counselling-and-support

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region

Coverage includes ACT, Capital Region, Riverina, Murray
☎ 02 6122 7700
🌐 racr.org.au

Interrelate Limited

☎ 1300 473 528
🌐 interrelate.org.au/programs/disability-royal-commission

NT

Relationships Australia Northern Territory

☎ 08 8923 4999 (Darwin)
08 8950 4100 (Alice Springs)
🌐 nt.relationships.org.au

Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum Health Service Aboriginal Corporation

☎ 08 8942 5400
🌐 ddhs.org.au

QLD

Micah Projects

☎ 07 3036 4490
🌐 micahprojects.org.au

Cape York/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Advisory Association Inc.

Coverage includes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Cape York and the Gulf
☎ 07 4030 0900
🌐 raatsicc.org.au


WWILD

Coverage includes: People with Intellectual Disability living in the Greater Brisbane Region
☎ 07 3262 9877
🌐 wwild.org.au

List of counselling providers Current as of May 2021.


SA


Relationships Australia South Australia

 1800 577 571

 rasa.org.au


Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA


 08 8406 1600

 nunku.org.au

TAS


Relationships Australia Tasmania


 1300 364 277

 tas.relationships.org.au

VIC

Relationships Australia Victoria

 1800 317 387

 relationships victoria.com.au

Drummond Street Services


 03 9663 6733

 ds.org.au

WA


Relationships Australia Western Australia


 08 6164 0180

 relationships wa.org.au

Yorgum Healing Services


Aboriginal Corporation


 08 9218 9477

 yorgum.org.au

Kimberley Stolen Generation

Aboriginal Corporation


 08 9193 6502

 kimberleystolengeneration.com.au


24 hour support


National

Emergencies

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Lifeline


 13 11 14

 lifeline.org.au

Other supports


National

Beyond Blue

 1300 22 4636


 beyondblue.org.au

Black Dog Institute

 (02) 9382 2991


 blackdoginstitute.org.au


Sane Australia

 1800 18 7263


 sane.org

MensLine Australia

 1300 78 99 78

 mensline.org.au

Kids Helpline

 1800 55 1800

 kidshelpline.com.au

List of advocacy providers Current as of May 2021.

National

Blue Knot Foundation – National Counselling and Referral Service

☎ 1800 421 468 or
02 6146 1468
🌐 blueknot.org.au

ACT

ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Services (ADACAS)

Service Areas –
Territory wide ACT, and South Coast NSW
☎ 02 6242 5060
🌐 adacas.org.au

Advocacy for Inclusion Inc

Service Areas – Territory wide – ACT
☎ 02 6257 4005
🌐 advocacyforinclusion.org

NSW

ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy Services (ADACAS)

Service Areas – Territory wide ACT, and South Coast NSW
☎ 02 6242 5060
🌐 adacas.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Armidale

Service Areas – Armidale, Glenn Innes, Severn, Guyra, Tenterfield, Inverell and Dumaresq areas
☎ 02 6776 6201
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Bathurst

Service Areas – Bathurst, Orange, Cowra, Mudgee, Parkes, Dubbo and surrounding towns
☎ 02 6332 2100
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Broken Hill

Service Areas – Broken Hill
☎ 1300 365 085
🌐 da.org.au

Broken Hill, Central Darling Shire

Service Areas – Coffs Harbour, Bellingen Shire and Nambucca areas
☎ 02 6651 1159
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Dubbo

Service Areas – Dubbo
☎ 1300 365 085
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Forster/Taree

Service Areas – Great Lakes, Taree City and Gloucester areas
☎ 0466 169 614
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Nepean/Blue Mountains

Service Areas – Nepean, Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Penrith areas
☎ 1300 365 085
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Newcastle (Head Office)

Service Areas – Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Maitland, Port Stephens, Cessnock, Gloucester Shire, Dungog Shire, Muswellbrook Shire, Singleton Shire, Upper Hunter Shire, Wyong, Gosford
☎ 1300 365 085
🌐 da.org.au

Disability Advocacy NSW Port Macquarie

Service Areas – Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Wauchope areas
☎ 02 6580 2100
🌐 da.org.au

Illawarra Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Kiama, Shellharbour, Wollongong
☎ 02 4229 4999
🌐 illawarraadvocacy.org.au

Intellectual Disability Rights Service

Service Areas – Statewide
☎ 02 9265 6300
🌐 drs.org.au

List of advocacy providers Current as of May 2021.

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc Granville (Head Office)

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1800 629 072

🌐 mdaa.org.au

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc Bega

Service Areas – Bega

☎ 1800 629 072

🌐 mdaa.org.au

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc Rockdale

Service Areas – Botany, Randwick, Waverly, Woollahra, Rockdale, Hurstville, Kogarah and Canterbury

☎ 1800 629 072

🌐 mdaa.org.au

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc Ultimo

Service Areas – Ashfield, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Sydney City

☎ 1800 629 072

🌐 mdaa.org.au

Newell Advocacy Narrabri (Head Office)

Service Areas – Coonamble, Gilgandra, Goondiwindi, Gwydir, Narrabri and Moree Plains

☎ 02 6792 3195

Newell Advocacy Moree

Service Areas – Warrumbungle

☎ 02 6752 1215

🌐 newell.narrabri@westnet.com.au

Newell Advocacy Walgett

Service Areas – Walgett

☎ 0458 923 195

🌐 newell.narrabri@westnet.com.au

Self Advocacy (Sydney) Incorporated

Service Areas – Sydney Metropolitan

☎ 02 9622 3005

🌐 sasinc.com.au

Side by Side Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah, Willoughby and Hornsby

☎ 02 9808 5500

🌐 sidebyside.org.au

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia Ltd

Service Areas – Clarence Valley, Richmond Tweed

☎ 1800 819 775

🌐 scia.org.au

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation Legal Service

Service Areas – Blue Mountains, Sydney Inner and Sydney Outer

☎ 02 4722 3524

🌐 idas.org.au

Family Advocacy

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1800 620 588

🌐 family-advocacy.com

People with Disability Australia Inc Sydney (Head Office)

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Bowral

Service Areas – Goulburn-Mulwaree and Wingecarribee

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Queanbeyan

Service Areas – Queanbeyan

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Sutherland

Service Areas – Sutherland

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

Regional Disability Advocacy Service (Wagga/Riverina)

Service Areas – City of Wagga, Snowy Valleys, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Junee, Leeton, Griffith, and Narrandera Lockhart Shires.

☎ 02 6921 9225

🌐 rdas.org.au

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NT

Darwin Community Legal Service Inc Darwin (Head Office)

Service Areas – Cox Peninsula, Darwin, Jabiru, Katherine, Litchfield, Palmerston, Groote Eylandt and Tiwi Islands

☎ 1800 812 953

🌐 dcls.org.au

Disability Advocacy Service Inc.

Service Areas – Alice Springs, Amoonguna and Tennant Creek

☎ 08 8953 1422

🌐 das.org.au

NPY Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation

Service Areas – SA- Anangu Pitjantjatjara, NT - MacDonnell Shire, Mutitjulu, Imanpa, Apatula, WA - Ngaanyatjarraku, Warakuna, Irruytju, Papulankutja, Mantamaru, Warburton, Wanarn, Tjirrkarli, Patjatt and Kiwirkurra

☎ 08 8958 2345

🌐 npywc.org.au

QLD

Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia

Service Areas – Central Queensland, Gold Coast

☎ 1800 818 338 (Freecall)
or 07 3637 6000

🌐 adaaustralia.com.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Kingston

Service Areas – Logan

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Buddina

Service Areas – Sunshine Coast

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Bundaberg

Service Areas – Bundaberg

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Hervey Bay

Service Areas – Fraser Coast

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

People with Disability Australia Inc Mt Isa

Service Areas – Mt Isa, Boulia, Carpentaria and Cloncurry

☎ 1800 422 015

🌐 pwd.org.au

Independent Advocacy NQ Inc

Service Areas – Burdekin, Cassowary Coast, Charters Towers, Flinders, Hinchinbrook, Isaac, Mackay, Mackinlay, Palm Island, Richmond, Townsville, Whitsundays.

☎ 1800 887 688

🌐 ianq.org.au

Mackay Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Bowen, Sarina, Proserpine, Cannonvale, Pioneer Valley, Moranbah, Glenden, Dysart, Clermont.

☎ 07 4957 8710

🌐 mackayadvocacy.com.au

Queensland Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1300 130 582

🌐 qai.org.au

Queensland Advocacy Inc Rockhampton

Service Areas – Banana, Barcaldine, Barcall, Blackall, Tambo, Central Highlands, Diamantina, Gladstone, Livingstone, Longreach, Rockhampton, Winton, Woorabinda

☎ 0419 130 916

🌐 qai.org.au

Rights In Action Inc

Service Areas – Cairns, Yarrabah, Tablelands - Atherton and Mareeba

☎ 07 4031 7377

🌐 rightsinaction.org

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Speaking Up For You Inc

Service Areas – Brisbane City,
Moreton Bay

☎ 07 3255 1244

🌐 sufy.org.au

TASC Legal and Social Justice Services

Service Areas – Cooloola, Gaydah,
Mundubbera, Gympie North, Gympie
South, Gympie Region, Kilkivan, Kilkivan
North, Kilkivan South, Kingaroy, Monto,
Eidsvold, Manango, Ipswich, Darling
Downs, Maranoa, Toowoomba

☎ 07 4616 9700

🌐 tascnational.org.au

SA

Disability Advocacy and Complaints Service of South Australia Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 08 7122 6030

🌐 dacssa.org.au

Disability Rights Advocacy Service Incorporated Adelaide (Head Office)

Service Areas – Adelaide, Adelaide
Hills, Burnside, Campbelltown, Charles
Sturt, Gawler, Holdfast Bay, Light,
Mallala, Marion, Mitcham, Mount
Barker, Norwood, Payneham, St Peters,
Onkaparinga, Playford, Port Adelaide,
Enfield, Prospect, Salisbury, Tea Tree
Gully, Unley, Walkerville, West Torrens,
Murray Bridge.

☎ 08 8351 9500

🌐 dras.com.au

Disability Rights Advocacy Service Incorporated Berri (Riverland Advocacy Service)

Service Areas – Berri and Barmera,
Loxton Waikerie, Mid Murray,
Renmark Paringa

☎ 08 8582 2422

🌐 dras.com.au

Disability Rights Advocacy Service Incorporated Mount Gambier (South East Disability Advocacy Service)

Service Areas – Mt Gambier, Lacepede/
Kingston, Naracoorte and Lucindale,
Robe, Tatiara, Grant, The Coorong and
Wattle Range

☎ 08 8723 6002

🌐 sedas.org.au

Independent Advocacy SA Incorporated

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1800 999 884

🌐 independentadvocacysa.org.au

Advocacy for Disability Access and Inclusion Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 08 8340 4450

🌐 advocacyfordisability.org.au

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TAS

Advocacy Tasmania

Service Areas – Hobart, Central Highlands, Forestier-Tasman, Huon-Bruny Island
Address PO Box 426
Sandy Bay, 7006

☎ 1800 005 131

🌐 advocacytasmania.org.au

Speak Out Association of Tasmania

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 03 6108 2188

🌐 speakoutadvocacy.org

VIC

Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 03 9650 2722

🌐 amida.org.au

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities (ADEC)

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 03 9480 7000

🌐 adec.org.au

Association of Employees with Disability Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 03 9639 4333

🌐 aed.org.au

Colac Otway Region Advocacy Service

Service Areas – Colac-Otway, Surf Coast

☎ 03 5232 1009

🌐 coras.com.au

Disability Justice Australia Inc

Service Areas – Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Cardinia, Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Nillumbik, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Yarra.

☎ 03 9474 0077

🌐 dja.org.au

Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland, Wellington

☎ 03 5175 0444

🌐 gdai.com.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Ararat (Head Office)

Service Areas – Ararat and Northern Grampians

☎ 1800 552 272

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Clunes

Service Areas – Clunes

☎ 03 5348 3350

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Darley

Service Areas – Darley, Moorabool

☎ 1300 942 773

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Daylesford

Service Areas – Daylesford, Hepburn

☎ 03 5348 3350

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Geelong

Service Areas – Golden Plains

☎ 1300 942 773

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

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Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Stawell

Service Areas – Northern Grampians

☎ 1800 522 272

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Ballarat

Service Areas – Ballarat

☎ 1800 552 272

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc Horsham

Service Areas – Horsham Rural City, West Wimmera Shire, Yarriambiack Shire, Hindmarsh Shire

☎ 03 5381 2400

🌐 grampiansadvocacy.org.au

Leadership Plus Inc. Melbourne (Head Office)

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 03 9489 2999

🌐 leadershipplus.com

Melbourne East Disability Advocacy

Service Areas – Boroondara, Manningham, Monash, Whitehorse, Maroondah

☎ 03 9877 7990

🌐 meda.org.au

North East Citizen Advocacy Inc

Service Areas – Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea

☎ 03 8407 3684

🌐 citizenadvocacy.com.au

Regional Disability Advocacy Service (Albury/Wodonga)

Service Areas – City of Wodonga, Indigo Shire, Alpine Shire, Towong Shire, Albury City, Greater Hume Shire, Federation Shire, Berrigan Shire, Edward River Shire, Jerilderie Shire

☎ 1800 250 292

🌐 rdas.org.au

Regional Disability Advocacy Service (Wangaratta)

Service Areas – City of Wodonga, Indigo Shire, Alpine Shire, Towong Shire

☎ 1800 250 292

🌐 rdas.org.au

Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Bendigo

Service Areas – Macedon Ranges, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields, City of Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Gannawarra, Buloke, Rural City of Swan Hill, West Mimmera, Hindmarsh, Yarriambiack

☎ 03 5222 5499

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Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Geelong

Service Areas – Geelong

☎ 03 5222 5499

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Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Horsham

Service Areas – Horsham

☎ 03 5222 5499

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Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Mildura

Service Areas – Mildura Rural City, Wentworth Shire, Balranald Shire

☎ 03 5222 5499

🌐 riac.org.au

Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Shepparton (Head Office)

Service Areas – Campaspe, Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogie

☎ 03 5222 5499

🌐 riac.org.au

Southern Disability Advocacy Incorporated Mornington

Service Areas – Frankston and Mornington Peninsula

☎ 03 5973 6320

🌐 southernda.org.au

Southern Disability Advocacy Incorporated Sandringham (Head Office)

Service Areas – Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip, Stonnington

☎ 03 9533 5977

🌐 southernda.org.au

List of advocacy providers Current as of May 2021.

Southwest Advocacy Association Inc

Service Areas – Corangamite, Glenelg, Moyne, Southern Grampians, Warrnambool

☎ 03 5561 4584

🌐 southwestadvocacy.org.au/swaa

Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council Inc

Service Areas – State Wide. Metro and Rural Benalla, Ararat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Horsham, Latrobe, Greater Geelong, Corangamite, Campaspe, Gannawarra, Colac-Otway, Moyne, Mount Alexander, Southern Grampians, Wodonga, Northern Grampians, South Gippsland, Moira, Mitchell, Warrnambool, Pyrenees

☎ 03 9388 9668

🌐 vmiac.org.au

Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 1800 014 111

🌐 villamanta.org.au

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Advocacy WA

Service Areas – Augusta-Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Bunbury, Busselton, Capel, Collie, Dardanup, Donnybrook-Balingup, Harvey, Manjimup and Nannup

☎ 08 9721 6444

🌐 advocacywa.org.au

Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre Subiaco (Head Office)

Service Areas – Perth

☎ 08 9388 7455

🌐 edac.org.au

Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre (Outreach Offices)

Service Areas – Broome, Derby-West Kimberly, Gascoyne

☎ 08 9388 7455

🌐 edac.org.au

Midland Information Debt & Legal Advocacy Service

Service Areas – Bassendean, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan

☎ 08 9250 2123

🌐 midlas.org.au

People with Disabilities (WA) Inc (Head Office)

Service Areas – Statewide

☎ 08 9420 7279

🌐 pwdwa.org

Sussex Street Community Law Service Inc East Victoria Park (Head Office)

Service Areas – North West Metro Perth: Towns and Cities of Cambridge, Joondalup, Stirling, Vincent, Wanneroo South Metro Perth: Cities and Shires of Armadale, Melville, Rockingham, Victoria Park, South Perth, Serpentine- Jarrahdale, Brookton, Gosnells, Fremantle, Kwinana, Mandurah, Belmont and Canning.

☎ 0429 611 435

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Sussex Street Community Law Service Inc (Goldfields/Esperance)

Service Areas – Wiluna, Sandstone, Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Kalgoorlie/Boulder, Leonora, Laverton, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku.


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Sussex Street Community Law Service Inc (Great Southern)


Service Areas – Ravensthorpe,
Woodanilling, Tambellup, Albany,
Gnowangerup, Denmark, Broomehill,
Cranbrook, Kojonup, Jerramungup,
Katanning, Kent, Plantagenet.


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Sussex Street Community Law Service Inc (Midwest)

Service Areas – Three Springs, Yalgoo,
Geraldton, Chapman Valley, Coorow,
Irwin, Cue, Greenough, Mingenew,
Meekatharra, Carnamah, Mullewa,
Murchison, Perenjori, Mount Magnet,
Morawa, Northampton.

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