

WA Response to Disability Royal Commission

Frequently asked questions

Who is responsible for implementing the DRC recommendations?

The Disability Royal Commission Final Report made 222 recommendations to improve life for people with disability in Australia. Of the 222 recommendations:

- 84 are for the Commonwealth Government (see [The Australian Government Response](#))
- 85 are the shared responsibility of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments (see [Joint Government Response](#))
- 44 are applicable to all state and territory governments
- Six are directly applicable to certain states or territories, and
- Three are for non-government bodies and the Commonwealth Government.

132 of the total 222 recommendations apply to WA. These include all recommendations with joint Commonwealth, state and territory responsibility, those directed at all states and territories, and three recommendations specific to WA.

How many recommendations is the WA Government accepting?

Of the 132 recommendations that apply to WA, the WA Government has accepted or accepted in part or in principle, 100 recommendations. The remaining 32 recommendations are being considered further. There will be an opportunity for consultation, consideration of ongoing related Inquiries and development of national directions to determine final positions for these recommendations.

The WA Government has committed to implementing the recommendations accepted in principle and will be reporting regularly on our progress against these recommendations. By accepting these recommendations in principle, the WA

Government will ensure these recommendations are implemented in a way that is appropriate for a WA context.

When will the WA Government begin implementing these recommendations?

There is a lot of work to be done to implement the Disability Royal Commission recommendations that have been accepted, accepted in part and accepted in principle. A considered and staged approach will be undertaken, recognising the importance of people with disability in WA being part of governance structures and consultation, along with the wider community.

The WA Disability Royal Commission Implementation Roadmap (the Roadmap) has been developed to provide the framework for ongoing partnership on implementation. The Roadmap provides a plan and key timeframes for when recommendations will be implemented. It also identifies short-term priority actions and work underway to develop positions for further consideration recommendations.

The WA Government has already begun implementing 52 of the 100 recommendations that have been accepted, accepted in part or accepted in principle. Others require consultation, research or policy development before they can be implemented. We will provide six monthly updates on progress towards implementing recommendations that have been accepted, accepted in principle or accepted in part.

For 26 recommendations, implementation is expected to be complete by June 2026. For other recommendations, the work will take longer, and implementation will be completed in the medium or long term.

When will the WA Government have a final position on the 32 recommendations being considered further?

Further consideration is required where the WA Government is not yet able to accept or reject a recommendation. The WA Government has considered the Disability Royal Commission recommendations in the context of WA legislation and government policy. Further consultation or policy development is required before a final position can be reached on these 32 recommendations. Where recommendations are for further consideration and not subject to an existing timeline, the WA Government will provide an updated position as part of future reporting. The actions being undertaken to develop positions for recommendations requiring further consideration are highlighted in part 5 of the Roadmap.

How did people with disability inform the WA Implementation Roadmap?

The Disability Royal Commission undertook extensive consultation and engagement with people with disability, their families and carers to develop the Final Report and recommendations. The WA Government acknowledges these significant contributions by people with disability and their families and carers. The courage and generosity of people with disability and their supporters to share their lived experiences underpins the findings of the Disability Royal Commission.

In developing the Roadmap, consultation in WA has occurred with relevant government agencies and the WA Disability Advisory Council.

Who will be involved in implementing recommendations in WA?

A whole of Government approach will be taken to support implementation of the recommendations, with shared responsibility across various WA Government bodies, as well as between the Commonwealth and other states and territories.

The WA Government will engage with people with disability, their families and carers, and the broader community to inform the future reform process. Engaging with people with disability and their families and carers is central to implementation design, and learning from their lived experience supports making WA more accessible and inclusive.

To ensure the experience of people with disability is embedded within implementation, the Department of Communities is establishing a dedicated Lived Experience Advisory Panel to consult and advise on the implementation of Disability Royal Commission recommendations and disability reform more broadly in WA.

WA Government agencies, including the Departments of Communities, Justice, Education and Health, as well as WA Police and the Public Sector Commission, will lead the implementation of several recommendations, with support from other agencies. The Department of Communities will support the governance structures and coordinate state and national reporting.