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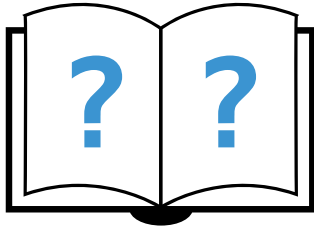
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Some words are written in **colour**.

We explain what those words mean on Page 6.

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- The **Disability Royal Commission** is happening now.



- A **Royal Commission** is an investigation into a something that is a big problem.



- The Disability Royal Commission wants to make sure people with disability don't get hurt.



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- Life Without Barriers fully supports this Disability Royal Commission.



- This is because you have a right to feel safe and respected at all times.

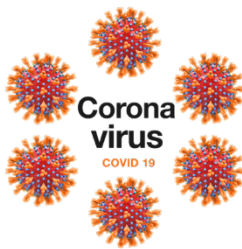
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- This week, from August 18-21, the Disability Royal Commission is holding a special event, which is called a **hearing**.

A hearing is where lots of people tell their stories, to help the Royal Commission understand a situation.



- This hearing will focus on how people with disability have been supported while Coronavirus has been making people sick.
- This hearing will include people with disability, the government and service providers like Life Without Barriers.

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- It is good and fair that lots of people have their say, so that the Royal Commission can help recommend ways to protect you from the virus.



- One of the people talking at the hearing is Life Without Barriers Chief Executive, Claire Robbs.

Claire will be talking about how people who choose Life Without Barriers disability services have been supported while the virus is in our community.

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- Claire will tell the truth to the Disability Royal Commission about ways Life Without Barriers has tried to stop coronavirus from making people with disability sick.



- Life Without Barriers has also given the Disability Royal Commission a special document called a **statement**.

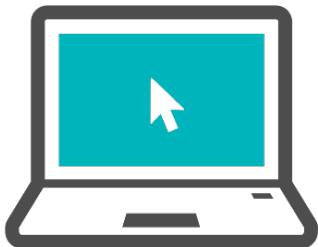


This statement talks about everything we have done to help keep people we support safe from Coronavirus.

- You, your family or anyone else can look at this statement online, by going to

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www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au



- Life Without Barriers fully supports the Disability Royal Commission and the importance of keeping every person safe.



- Every person with disability also has the right to be free from:

- **violence** – if someone is hurting you physically
- **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.



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- If you have ever experienced any of these, you, your family or your supporters can tell the Disability Royal Commission or Life Without Barriers.



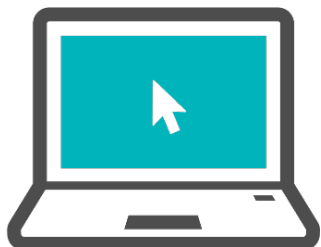
- It is good to tell people if you have had a bad experience.
It helps us make changes to improve your support.



- To watch the Disability Royal Commission hearings online, visit www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au
- For more information or help from Life Without Barriers, you can contact us by:

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- **Email**

disabilityroyalcommission@lwb.org.au

- **Call**

Life Without Barriers COVID-19

National Response Call Centre

1800 313 117



What do these words mean?

Royal Commission	An organisation that gives people with disability, their families and carers the opportunity to put forward
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	experiences they have had that have may caused them harm.
Hearing	A special gathering where lots of people have their say on a topic, to help inform the Royal Commission.
Abuse	If someone is treating you badly.
Commissioners	Senior people who work on the Royal Commission.
Exploitation	If someone is taking advantage of you.
Neglect	If someone is not helping you the way they are supposed to help you.



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