**Introduction**

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|  | Villamanta is a disability legal service. |
|  | Villamanta talked at VALID’s ‘We Can’t Be Beaten’ conference. |
|  | Villamanta talked about the Disability Royal Commission. |
|  | People who talk to the Royal Commission might need legal advice. |
|  | People might need counselling because of bad things that have happened. |
| C:\Users\katy.gagliardi\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\DRC_logo_stacked_Purple(cmyk_87-100-24-15)-01.jpg | But this fact sheet just talks about what the Royal Commission does. |

If you need legal advice, contact Your Story through their website:

<https://yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au/Contact-us>



If you need counselling, look for services on this website:

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/counselling-and-support>



**Information**

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|  | Sometimes support providers treat people with disability badly. |
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| C:\Users\katy.gagliardi\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\DRC_logo_stacked_Purple(cmyk_87-100-24-15)-01.jpg | Some people with disability want to know if they should talk to the Disability Royal Commission. |

**What does the Royal Commission do?**

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|  | They talk to people about bad things that happen to people with disability. |
|  | They will tell the government what needs to change. |
|  | They do **not** give anyone money or help anyone fix bad things straight away. |

**Why talk to the Royal Commission?**

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|  | It will help change the disability system. |
|  | The Royal Commission will **not** give anyone money or help fix bad things straight away. |
|  | People say it feels really good to be listened to by the Royal Commission. |
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**How you can talk to the Royal Commission**

1. **Make a submission**

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| C:\Users\katy.gagliardi\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\DRC_logo_stacked_Purple(cmyk_87-100-24-15)-01.jpg | You or Villamanta would write the information then send it to the Royal Commission. |
|  | If you use the name of anyone who did something wrong, they might find out. |
|  | You or Villamanta could fix that by:  Not using the provider or person’s name  Not saying anything that makes it obvious who you are talking about |
| ../Downloads/maria-oswalt-HIMeM7HPdoY-unsplash.jpg | The Disability Royal Commission will **not** punish anyone, even if they did the wrong thing.  They just want to hear your story to help people in future. |

1. **Have a Private Session**

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|  | You can call Villamanta to get help if you want. We can come to you or talk to you on Zoom. |
|  | If you use someone’s name, they **cannot** find out what you said. |
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1. **Talk at a Public Hearing**

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|  | You do this in person or by video conference (like Zoom). |
|  | You can call Villamanta to get help if you want. We can come to you or talk to you on Zoom. |
|  | You can ask the Royal Commission if you want to talk at a Public Hearing. |
|  | You can also tell them what happened in a different way if you can’t talk at a Public Hearing. |
|  | Anything you say at a Public Hearing might go on the internet or in the newspaper. |
|  | You can ask Villamanta if you should get legal advice before you ask to talk at a Public Hearing. |
|  | Do you need help to understand this information? Contact Villamanta:  📱 1800 014 111  https://www.symbols.com/images/symbol/1854_envelope-symbol.png [www.villamanta.org.au/contact](http://www.villamanta.org.au/contact) |