



**Villamanta Disability Rights
Legal Service Inc.**

Introduction



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Villamanta is a
disability legal
service.



Villamanta talked at
VALID's 'We Can't Be
Beaten' conference.



Royal Commission
into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and
Exploitation of People with Disability

Villamanta talked
about the Disability
Royal Commission.



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People who talk to
the Royal
Commission might
need legal advice.



People might need
counselling because
of bad things that
have happened.



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But this fact sheet
just talks about what
the Royal
Commission does.



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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/counseling-and-support>





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Information



Sometimes support providers
treat people with disability
badly.



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Some people with disability
want to know if they should
talk to the Disability Royal
Commission.



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What does the Royal Commission do?



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.



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Why talk to the Royal Commission?



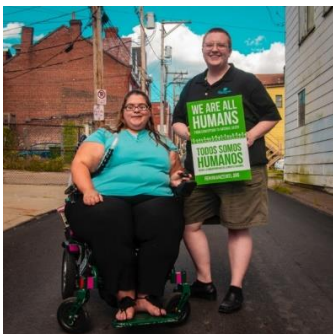
It will help change the disability system.



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.



Your story might also help other people.



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How you can talk to the Royal Commission

1. Make a submission



This means you tell the Royal Commission what happened. Some people do this in writing.



Other people do this by:

- Telephone
- Making a video
- Making a recording
- Artwork



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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



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.



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2. Have a Private Session



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This means you talk to someone
at the Disability Royal
Commission.



You would do this in person, by
video conference (like Zoom), or
on the telephone.



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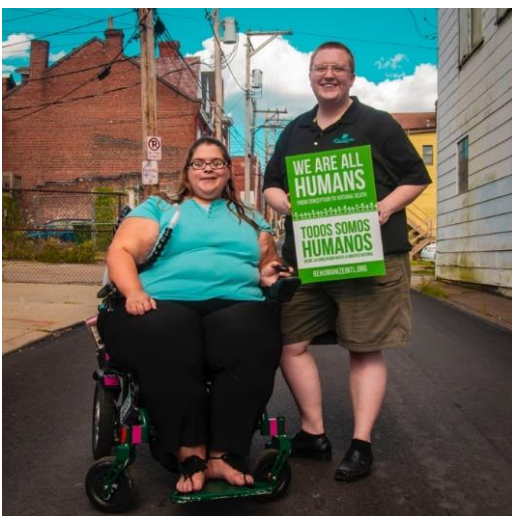
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If you use someone's name, they **cannot** find out what you said.



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3. Talk at a Public Hearing



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the Royal Commission.



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conference (like Zoom).



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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.



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You can ask Villamanta if you should get legal advice before you ask to talk at a Public Hearing.



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Do you need help to understand this information? Contact Villamanta:



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