# Sharing stories and ideas for change with the Disability Royal Commission

## Slide 1: Your Story - Disability Legal Support

Free, independent legal support to share your story with the Disability Royal Commission

## Slide 2: Acknowledgement of Country

## Slide 3: Topics

* What is the Disability Royal Commission?
* How does it relate to post-secondary education?
* How does our service fit in?

## Slide 4: What is the Disability Royal Commission?

* A government inquiry into the mistreatment of people with disability
* Gathering information and stories
* Opened: April 2019
* Closes : 31 Dec 2022
* Final report: Sept 2023

## Slide 5: What is the Disability Royal Commission?

* All settings and contexts, past and present
* Disability = any kind of impairment
* Will deliver recommendations to improve laws, policies, structures and practices to protect people with disability
* Promote a more inclusive society

## Slide 6: Post-secondary education

* The Royal Commission wants to learn about education
* Opportunity for reform
* Your story matters

## Slide 7: The Royal Commission so far

* Issues papers on education, learning and employment
* Public hearings 2 and 7 considered inclusive education
* Public hearings 9, 19, 21 and 22 considered open employment and disability employment services
* More work to do

## Slide 8: How to tell your story to the Disability Royal Commission

* Public or private
* Written, spoken, by phone, by video, pre-recorded, artistic
* Your story or someone else’s story
* Due dates

## Slide 9: Your Story Disability Legal Support

* Provides legal advice and support to people who want to tell their story to the Disability Royal Commission
* Independent from the Disability Royal Commission
* Can support or connect people with counselling, disability advocacy or to other specialist legal services
* Free national disability legal service, with staff in every state and territory

## Slide 10: How can we help?

* If you need legal advice about telling your story
* If you need information about or referrals to other Royal Commission services or other legal services
* If you don’t know where to start or who to contact

## Slide 11: Why you might need legal advice?

* Not everyone will need legal support
* You may need legal support if you:
	+ want your story to be private
	+ want to name a person or organisation
	+ are concerned about retribution against you or someone else
	+ are worried about others (e.g. employer or colleagues) seeing your submission

## Slide 12: Jane’s Story

## Slide 13: Kim’s Story

## Slide 14: Key takeaways

* Opportunity for reform
* Ends 31 December 2022
* Where to start? Contact us

## Slide 15: Your Story - Disability Legal Support

Phone: 1800 77 1800 (free call)

[www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au](http://www.yourstorydisabilitylegal.org.au)

## Slide 15: Tell us what you think…

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