

18 September 2026



The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP

Attorney General
Robert Garran Offices
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Barton ACT 2600

Dear Hon Michelle Rowland MP,

**Submission to Australia's draft seventh periodic report under the
Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading
Treatment or Punishment**

The Queensland Independent Disability Advocacy Network (**QIDAN**) is a group of organisations providing individual advocacy services to Queenslanders living with disability. QIDAN welcome the opportunity to provide our views on Australia's draft report seventh periodic report.

The Disability Royal Commission (DRC) outlined a vision for a more inclusive Australia, which was welcomed by people with disability. Three years after the Final Report our independent analysis of the progress on the DRC's 222 recommendations shows action has been far too slow.

Australia is now required to report on the progress in implementing the DRC's recommendations through the draft seventh periodic report under the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The United Nations interest in the implementation of the DRC in regard to this matter does not surprise us, the cruel and inhuman treatment or punishment of People with Disability in Australia is well known and was the reason the Royal Commission was established.

Working together to achieve positive change for people with disability

Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADAA) + AMPARO Advocacy + Capricorn Citizen Advocacy (CCA) + Mackay Advocacy + People with a Disability (PWDA) + Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion (QAI) + Rights In Action (RIA) + Speaking Up For You (SUFY) + TASC National

In that report, governments describe:

- 90 recommendations as in progress
- 60 as requiring further work
- 49 as subject to further consideration
- 12 as completed
- 6 as noted

Our independent analysis, finalised on 20 May 2026, found:

- 113 with no updates
- 81 in the beginning stages
- 12 in progress
- 7 implemented
- 4 rejected

Definitions:

- No update: No public comment or attempt at implementation, or attempt cited does not align.
- Beginning stages: Started a review, plan or program.
- In Progress: implemented a review, plan or program.
- Implemented: Implementation has finished and aligns with the recommendation.
- Rejected: No clear intent to implement.

QIDAN's analysis was provided to the relevant Australian Government Departments for review before release, and no substantive feedback was provided that greatly affected our findings.

The evidence from our independent analysis demonstrates three years after the DRC, too many recommendations remain untouched or at the earliest stages of implementation.

We expect Governments to be transparent about what they have delivered and to urgently accelerate implementation of the DRC's recommendations. We are also deeply concerned that some current disability reforms risk undermining the DRC's promise of a more inclusive society for people with disability.

The disability community played its part. It is now time for the governments of Australia to do theirs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caitlin de Cocq van Delwijnen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Caitlin" being more prominent.

Caitlin de Cocq van Delwijnen

Director

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