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This is a letter from Possability CEO, Drew Beswick.

I hope you had a Happy New Year and a lovely Christmas.

The Disability Royal Commission

I would like to update you on the Disability **Royal Commission**.



A **Royal Commission** is a big look at something. It is a big study by the government.

This big study is to



- learn how people with disability are treated in Australia

- make sure people with disability are safe

and

- treated fairly.



The name of this big study is the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

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We think this big study is very important.

We hope it will



- help keep people safe
- protect people's **rights**.

Rights are rules about how people should be treated. Everyone has the same rights.



What we are doing to keep you safe

We are learning from this big study and making changes.



We read the **Interim Report** from the big study.

The **Interim Report** is a book about what the big study has found so far.

The Interim Report says it is important that people with a disability



- can choose where they live and who with
- feel safe at home and work

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- can make a complaint about problems with supports and services when they want to
- are always treated fairly.

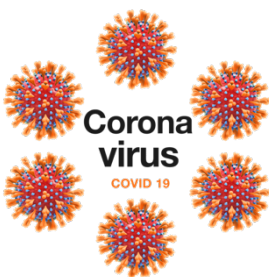
Changes we are making

To help keep everyone we support safe and protect their rights

- we have 3 new staff on our **Quality** team. Our **Quality** team help make sure we are treating people fairly.

and

- we are speaking up for people with a disability.



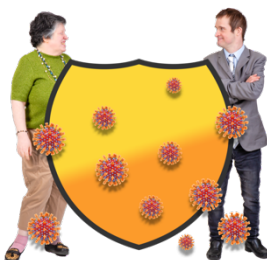
We wrote to the government about how people with a disability were supported during the first Coronavirus outbreak.

If there is another outbreak, we said the government needs to make sure people with a disability

- have the support they need

and

- have the services they need.



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Are you OK?



Lots of people with a disability have told their own stories as part of the big study.

Some of these stories have been upsetting to hear.

We care about how you feel.

You can ask for support if you



- feel upset
- have questions
- want to tell your story.

Ways you can ask for support

You can

- speak to your support staff
- email Veronica Burton from our Quality team
royalcommission@possability.com.au
- call a staff member from our office
1300 067 067
- call the Disability Royal Commission support
service on 1800 421 468



or

if you are deaf or find it hard to hear or speak,
call the National Relay Service on 133 677.

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Thank you for being a part of our community.

Yours Sincerely,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Beswick".

Drew Beswick
CEO

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