

# NEDA'S STATEMENT ON THE DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION

**The best way for the Disability Royal Commission to understand the issues faced by people with disability from migrant and refugee backgrounds, and their families, is to hear from people themselves.**

**This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to tell your story. Let's build a better future**

NEDA is a national Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) that promotes, protects, and advances the human rights of people with disability from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

NEDA knows that people with disability from migrant or refugee backgrounds are experts in their own lives. We are the best people to inform good practice and help develop better policies, services and systems that are inclusive, culturally appropriate, and respond to the diverse needs of all people with disability.

We want a society that respects our human rights and dignity no matter who we are, what we do, where we come from, what we believe in, and/or the languages we speak.

NEDA encourages you to make submissions to the Disability Royal Commission, in your own language, if you feel that is best for you. We encourage you to tell the commissioners about your unfair experiences.

We also encourage you to share what you think needs to change or happen to ensure you can live your life as you wish, on an equal basis to others. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly because of who you are, or in relation to your housing, health, employment, education, transport, or disability support needs, then share your story with the Disability Royal Commission.


**You can share your experiences in relation to all aspects of your life. This includes but is not limited to:**

- > your home and family
- > your disability service provider, or disability institution
- > your school, TAFE or university, or education provider

- > local, state or national governments and their programs or services
- > your doctor, your hospital or other health services
- > being out and about, for example on public transport, in restaurants or shopping centres and in parks.

**The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear your story.**

If you require help to tell your story, get in touch with NEDA and we will link you with someone in your local area who can provide support.

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