












Including Everyone from the Start

 <p>Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability</p> 	<p>In June 2022, the Disability Royal Commission will talk about schools.</p>
	<p>They will talk about the experiences of young people with disability in school.</p>
	<p>They will talk to young people with disability about going to school. They will also talk to parents, advocates, and the government.</p>
 <p>Catherine McAlpine CEO, Inclusion Australia Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability</p>	<p>Our CEO Catherine McAlpine will also talk to the Royal Commission. She will talk about school for people with an intellectual disability.</p>

Why is the Royal Commission talking about school?

	<p>Lots of young people with an intellectual disability are told they can't go to a regular school.</p>
	<p>They go to a school for people with disability.</p> <p>This is sometimes called a special school or specialist school.</p>
	<p>Students at specialist school do not get the same education as students at regular school.</p>
	<p>Young people with disabilities and their families have to make lots of decisions about their future.</p>



Some decisions happen at difficult times in people's lives, for example:

- Moving from primary school to high school
- Leaving high school



There is lots of pressure on students and their families to choose a specialist school.







People who go to specialist school don't get to make as many choices about their lives as other people.

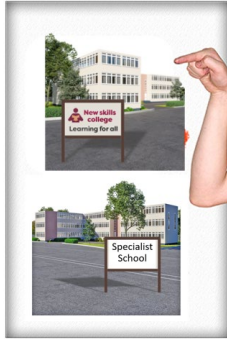


This could be:

- Not being allowed to choose where you live or who with
- not having choices about what you do during the day

What we want to change

	<p>We want the government to make a plan for all regular schools include students with an intellectual disability.</p>
	<p>We want all Prep and Grade 1 students to go to regular school.</p>
	<p>We want more information and resources for regular schools about how to include students with an intellectual disability.</p>
	<p>We think there should be better information for students and families to understand their options.</p>



People should have better support to make the decision that is right for them.



We want an independent education advocacy service.

This is an organisation who works with students with an intellectual disability and their families to help solve problems.



We think the NDIS should work with young people, families and the government so everyone understands who does what.



There should be more support when students are need a bit of extra help to stay in regular school.



We think all young people deserve a good education



We think all young people should be included as much as possible in Australia.

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