# Supported Employment Inquiry

## **Read in Plain English:**

**What's Happening?**

The Royal Commission looked at how people with disabilities are treated. They found some problems with how people with disabilities are treated in supported employment settings or Australian Disability Enterprises.

* The government wants to make things better. They are asking questions about Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs).
* Some people think these places are good, and some people think they should change, or shouldn’t be there at all.
* The Royal Commission said that some people with disabilities get paid very little and are sometimes treated badly when they work at ADEs. They also said that some people are kept away from other people in the community.
* The government wrote a paper about this. You can read it online. It's in easy-to-read words and Auslan.

You can find it at

* [Next Steps in Supported Employment: Consultation on the way forward](https://engage.dss.gov.au/next-steps-in-supported-employment-consultation-on-the-way-forward/)

**We Need Your Help!**

At Women with disabilities Victoria (WDV) we want to know what you think about work for people with disabilities, especially women and gender diverse people.

* You can help us by:
  + Joining a meeting online (a focus group) on Wednesday, 2 May 2025.
    - Register here (Insert link)
  + Filling out a survey online.
    - The survey needs to be completed by Friday 9 May 2025.
    - You can answer as many questions as you like.

**We Are Here to Help You!**

* Talking about work can be hard. We understand.
* You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to.
* If you feel sad or upset, you can call these numbers:
  + Life-Line: 13 11 14
  + 1800 Respect: 1800 737 732 (if you have been hurt or treated badly)
* If you need help with the survey, you can call Helen Freris at 03 9286 7821 or email helen.freris@wdv.org.au.

**What Happens Next?**

* Your answers will be kept private. No one will know who you are.
* We will put all the answers together and write a report.
* We will give this report to the government.
* The report will be available on the WDV website.
* If you have any questions about how your answers will be used, contact Helen Freris, **WDV Advocacy Lead** on 03 9286 7821 or helen.freris@wdv.org.au.

**Thank you for helping us!**

(Insert link to plain english survey)