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TASMANIANS LIVING WITH DISABILITY WELCOME ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DISABILITY

Tasmanians living with disability, their families and significant others welcome today's announcement to establish a Royal Commission Inquiry into Violence, Abuse and Neglect Against People Living with Disability.

Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate said, 'A Royal Commission inquiry will reveal the depth and breadth of the trauma and neglect, even unnecessary death, some Tasmanians living with disability have endured.'

'We need a Royal Commission into Disability, to change the cultural attitudes of de-valuing people living with disability,' said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

'For too long, violence, abuse and neglect has been prevalent against many people living with disability,'

'Such abuse is not isolated to state institutions. It occurs across settings including workplaces, educational settings, hospitals, libraries and behind closed doors.' . said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

'The Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison made it clear in Parliament today, Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission into Disability would require extensive consultation with stakeholders, in particular people living with disability,' said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

'Establishing a Terms of Reference for a Royal Commission may take time as state/territory governments need to be included, therefore consultation must begin now so that after the election, the Inquiry can start immediately,' said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

**Jane Wardlaw is available for comment from 9:30am
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Read more about Why we need a Royal Commission into Disability here:

<http://www.janewardlaw.com.au/conversations-about-disability/why-we-need-a-royal-commission>