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Media Release

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DISABILITY RECORD FUNDING MOST WELCOMED

Tasmanian's living with disability, their families and significant others welcome the dedication and commitment of the Federal Government to fully fund a record \$527m to facilitate a Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of people living with disability in tonight's Federal Budget.

Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate said, "a Royal Commission into disability and the full funding commitment by the Morrison government in tonight's federal budget, is a win for all those people living with disability impacted directly and indirectly due to abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation against them."

"Disability activists Australia wide have a long advocated for a Royal Commission inquiry into disability to expose the white elephant in the room that is people living with disability have long been culturally devalued by society.", said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

"Throughout my career as a disability rights advocate with the lived experience of disability, I have met with and worked alongside many individuals living with disability who have been subjected to the most abhorrent abuse.", said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

"These stories and more need to be heard in order for our society to re-adjust it thinking about people living with disability." said Jane Wardlaw, Disability Advocate.

The enquiry is expected to examine mistreatment in institutional settings, workplaces, schools, homes and in the community. It will be applicable to all people living with disability.

**Jane Wardlaw is available for comment from 8:30am – 10:30am and 1pm – 6pm
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