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Title	Disability Royal Commission National Task Group Update
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Assembly or ASC Minute	Not applicable
Consultation	
Purpose	To provide an update on the work of the Disability Royal Commission National Task Group to the Assembly Standing Committee.
Rationale & Findings Summary	The Disability Royal Commission National Task Group is required to provide regular updates on the work of the Task Group.
Attachments	
Proposal/s	That the Assembly Standing Committee: Receive Disability Royal Commission National Task Group Update
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DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION NATIONAL TASK GROUP UPDATE

Since July 2022, some changes in UnitingCare Australia have occurred which will effect the work of the National Task Group (NTG).

Beth Irvin, Senior Analyst for UnitingCare Australia and who was providing support to the work of the NTG, resigned from UnitingCare Australia and so will no longer be supporting the work of the NTG. We are grateful for the manner in which Beth resourced the NTG and its work, and our thanks were expressed to her when she finished with UnitingCare Australia.

Following providing funding for this personnel support for the NTG, UnitingCare Australia will no longer be able to fund a position which has this support as part of their work, due to other priorities.

In discussions with UnitingCare Australia, the way forward for the work of the NTG will include.:

- The workshops developing the *People with Disability Overarching Principles* have been completed. Fay Mound will coordinate with the facilitator and the Working Group to finalise the report for the NTG to consider, before it being shared more widely throughout the UCA.
- One of the valued contributions that Beth brought to the NTG was her reports regarding the work of the Royal Commission. UnitingCare Australia receive summaries of the work of the Royal Commission from MinterEllison. We will include all NTG members on this mailing list so we are able to keep up to date with the Commission's work as it happens.
- There is one meeting remaining this year in November. I will work with Fay to set the agenda and we will meet as usual to continue our work. Secretarial support for this meeting will be provided by the Assembly Secretariat.
- We had already agreed to seek an annual briefing from Penny Eden from MinterEllison as we did last year prior to our final meeting. This gave a very valuable insight and we invited other leaders to join us. This will happen again this year, and when details are finalised they will be shared.

This will take us to the end of 2022. We will then consider what is the work of the NTG in 2023 in conjunction with the timeline of the Royal Commission as it moves to provide its final report later in 2023.