



Know your rights

Confidentiality

This fact sheet explains the confidentiality protections available to people who share information with the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion and how long that protection lasts.

What legal protections are provided?

If you make a Royal Commission submission, you will be asked if you want it to be:

- Made public with your name,
- Made public without your name or any identifying details, or
- Private (not made public).

If you want your submission to be private, we recommend marking it as **'confidential'**.

- If you type your submission into the box provided in the online form, write **'confidential'** at the top.
- If you upload a document, write **'confidential'** on every page.

Will my submission be published on the Royal Commission website?

The Royal Commission may publish some of the submissions it receives, but only if the author has given permission. Even with permission, not all submissions will be published.

Some published submissions may have parts removed. This can happen if the information:

- Is not relevant to the Terms of Reference,
- Raises privacy concerns, or
- Is covered by a non-publication order

More information is available at
asc.royalcommission.gov.au/faqs

How long will information remain confidential?

While the Royal Commission is still operating, information you share with it remains confidential and cannot be accessed through Freedom of Information (FOI) requests.

After the Royal Commission ends, people may request access to information under FOI laws. However, strong exemptions apply. In most cases, the following information will not be released: your identity and personal details, confidential information (particularly if you requested confidentiality), and documents that could affect law enforcement or public safety.

The Royal Commission's records will be securely kept by the Attorney-General's Department for 20 years. After that, they will be kept by the National Archives of Australia.

Can the Royal Commission share confidential information?

In some circumstances, the Royal Commission may need to share information without asking for consent. This may happen if the information suggests a crime and needs to be shared with police, or if it needs to be shared with another Royal Commission looking at related issues. The Royal Commission Legal Assistance Service can advise you on whether your information is likely to be shared in this way.

Contact the Royal Commission Legal Assistance Service for free, independent and confidential legal advice.



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You can find more contact options to suit your needs, on the National Relay Service website via www.accesshub.gov.au

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