

6. A 'ROYAL' OPPORTUNITY

At the present time, there is another way to ensure that Aboriginal people with disabilities have a say in determining their future. It is a major opportunity that must not be missed. On 27 August 1991, the Prime Minister announced the formation of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples co-chaired by Georges Erasmus, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and the Honourable René Dussault, Justice of the Quebec Court of Appeal. Under terms of reference that were recommended by former Chief Justice Brian Dickson of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Commission has begun to study solutions to the issues that confront Aboriginal people. During its current hearings across the country, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and organizations are voicing their concerns and offering their solutions to the wide range of issues that fall within the Commission's mandate.

The Commission has the power to investigate and to make recommendations concerning social

