



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
together

# Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031

**Our plan to make our data better**

An Easy Read summary



## How to use this plan

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The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this plan.  
When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this plan in an easy to read way.  
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**  
Not bold

We wrote some words in **bold**.  
This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.  
There is a list of these words on page 25.



This Easy Read plan is a summary of another plan.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other plan on our website.

[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads)



You can ask for help to read this plan.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.



If you speak a language other than English, you can call Translating and Interpreting Services (TIS).

**1800 131 450**

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## What is this plan about?

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Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.

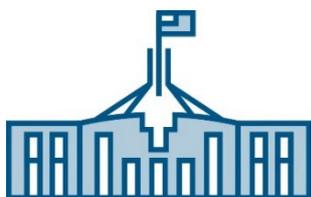
In this plan we call it the Strategy.



The Strategy will last for 10 years.

It will finish in 2031.

The Strategy includes goals and actions for:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments.

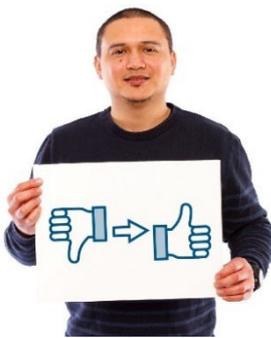


We are keeping track of how governments are working towards their goals and actions.



This means we need to collect **data**.

Data includes facts, information and records.



This plan is about improving the way we collect this data.

This includes how we:



- collect data about different topics



- compare it to data we already have.

## Working together



All governments have agreed to work closely together to make sure the Strategy works well.



We also agreed to keep working with people with disability to make sure the Strategy is working well for them.



We worked with people with disability to create this plan.

We also worked with different parts of:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments.



We need to work together with different areas of governments to collect good data.



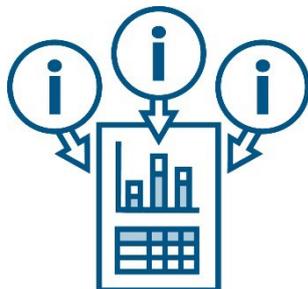
Good data will help all governments make good decisions.



It will also help all governments work together to make services better for people with disability.

## Where will the data come from?

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The data will come from different places.



We will collect data through surveys.

This includes:



- the Strategy Survey on community **attitudes**

Attitudes are what you think, feel and believe.



- the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers



- other surveys the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does.

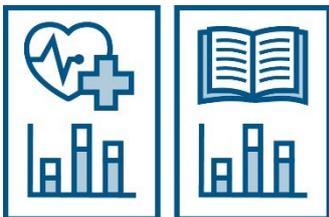
The ABS is part of the Australian Government.



We will collect data from government services.



This includes data from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



It also includes data from state and territory departments.

For example, health and education data.



We will also link sets of data together.

This will make it easier to:



- collect good data



- compare it.

**NDDA**



This includes work we are doing on the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA).

You can find out more on the NDDA website.

[www.ndda.gov.au](http://www.ndda.gov.au)

## Finding out about different experiences

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Each person with disability is different.

And people with disability might be treated differently because of both:



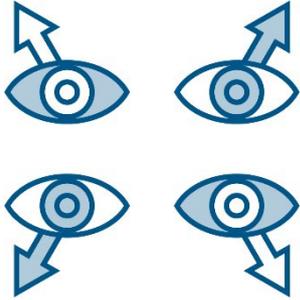
- their disability
- other things about them that they can't change.



It's important for the data we collect to show how this affects the lives of people with disability.



We need to collect good information about different areas of people's lives.

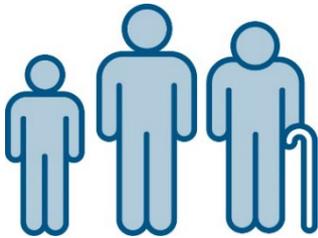


This means we can look at data from different points of view.



And understand how this affects people with disability.

The data we collect includes people's:



- age



- disability.



It includes data about if people are **LGBTIQA+**.

The letters LGBTIQA stand for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer or questioning and asexual.



The '+' is for people who are part of the LGBTIQA+ community but don't talk about themselves using a word from this list.

And it includes data about people's:



- religion



- background and **culture**.

Your culture is:



- your way of life



- how you think or act now because of how you grew up



- your beliefs



- what is important to you.

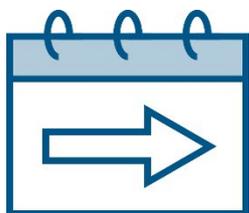
## What data do we need to collect?

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We need to collect data about **85** measures for the Strategy.

A measure is data we need to collect about a certain topic.



This includes **38** future measures we need to collect data for.



We have already started to collect data for **2** of the future measures.

We will share them in early 2023.



This includes data about how people with disability find and keep jobs when they:

- take part in the NDIS
- work for the government.



**4** measures will come from the Strategy Survey on community attitudes.

We will:



- finish collecting data in January 2023



- check the data between March and June 2023



- share the data with the community by September 2023.



We need to do more work on **8** future measures before we start collecting the data.



We will create **working groups** with state and territory governments.

These are groups of people who will help us plan these future measures.



Their work should finish in 2023.

Then we need to:



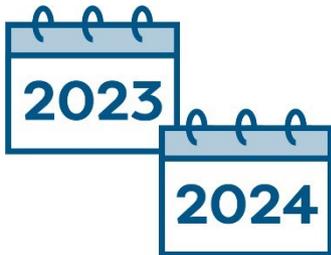
- collect the data



- look at the data.



A measure is data we need to collect about a certain topic.



**4** more future measures will be ready in 2023 or 2024.

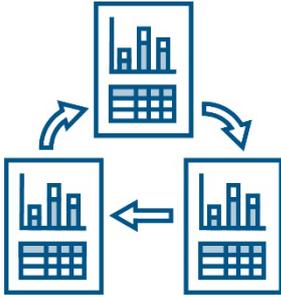
They are about the:



- hospital system



- child protection system – how governments protect children at risk of harm.



**7** other future measures need a lot of work to connect them with other data.

They will be ready between 2024 and 2025.



We might do this work through:

- the NDDA
- working with other governments.

**1** future measure will be about how the NDIS connects people with disability to:



- other government services



- community services.



It will be ready from 2026.



We need surveys to collect data for the last **12** other future measures.

We will collect this data by:



- adding questions to surveys we already use

or



- doing new surveys.

## How can we collect better data?

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Another way we can make data better is to link it.

It will help:



- give us new ideas



- share data more often.



It will also help the community use data that relates to them.

For example, they can look at data based on where they are in Australia.

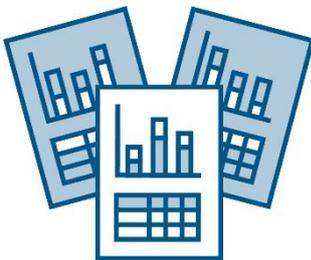


We can also collect better data by working together with other governments.

This means we can agree on the same way to:



- explain words and ideas



- collect data.



This will help us compare data from different states and territories.

## What happens next?

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All governments will continue to work together with people with disability.

We will keep working on:



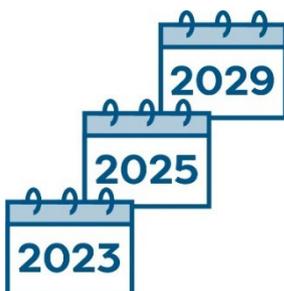
- future measures



- ways to make data better.



We will update this plan when we update the Strategy.



This will happen at the end of 2023.

And then again in 2025 and 2029.

## Word list

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This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



### **Attitudes**

Attitudes are what you think, feel and believe.



### **Data**

Data includes facts, information and records.



### **Measures**

A measure is data we need to collect about a certain topic.



### **Working groups**

Working groups are groups of people who will help us plan our future measures.

## Contact us

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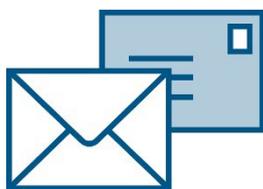
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