



Creating
an inclusive
community
together

Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031

Our Strategy Advisory Council meeting
27 April 2023

An Easy Read meeting bulletin



How to use this bulletin



Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council (the Council) gives advice to governments.

The Council holds meetings as part of their work.



The Council wanted to share a **bulletin** about what they did in their last meeting.

A bulletin is an important news item to share with the community.



The Council asked the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) to write this bulletin for them.

When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this bulletin in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

Not bold

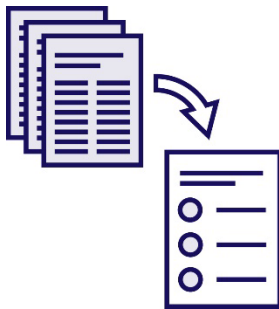
We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 20.



This is an Easy Read summary of another bulletin.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other bulletin on our website.

**[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/
advisory-council](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/advisory-council)**



You can ask for help to read this bulletin.

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

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Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council



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

In this bulletin we call it the 'Strategy'.

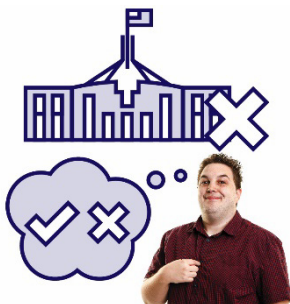
**Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council
(the Council)** gives advice about the Strategy.



The Council is a group of people who help the
government understand what people with
disability need.



All the people on the Council are people
with disability.

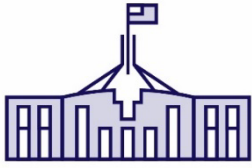


The Council is **independent**.

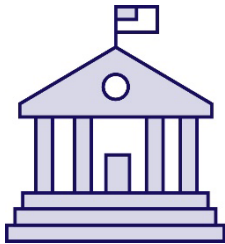
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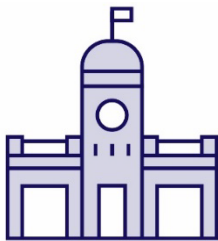
The Council gives advice to:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.



Their advice is about how well these governments:

- use the Strategy
- work towards the goals of the Strategy.



Their advice is also about how well governments share reports about the Strategy.

What did the Council talk about?



The Council held their meeting on 27 April 2023.



They shared important updates about their work.



Their next meeting is planned for 18 July 2023.



But the Council will also meet on 22 June 2023.

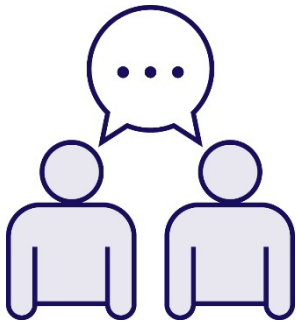
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Review



The Australian Government asked a team of people to check the NDIS to find out what:

- works well
- could be better.

We call it the 'NDIS Review'.



Two people updated the Council about the work of the NDIS Review team.

They are in charge of the NDIS Review.

Their names are:



- Professor Bruce Bonyhady



- Ms Lisa Paul.

The Outcomes Framework annual report 2022



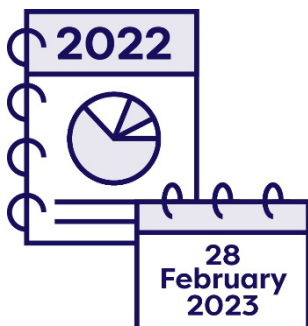
The Outcomes Framework is how we keep track of the **outcomes** in the Strategy.



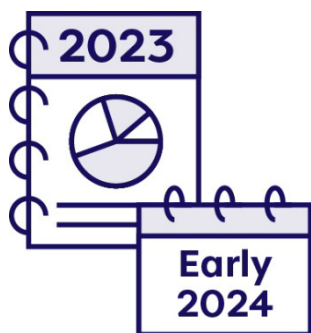
Outcomes are the important results we want to get for people with disability.



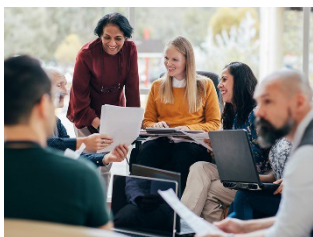
We share reports about how governments are working towards the outcomes.



We shared the 2022 annual report on 28 February 2023.



We will share the 2023 annual report in early 2024.



The Council read the 2022 annual report.

And they talked about their ideas.



The Council agreed to send their ideas to the disability **ministers**.

A minister leads an area of government.

The justice system

The **justice system** includes:



- police
- the courts
- the law
- prisons.



We reported on what state and territory governments are doing with their justice systems.



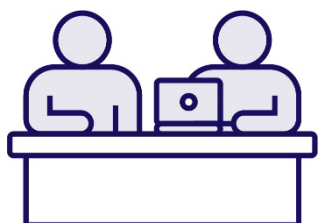
This includes the laws and plans that apply.



We shared this information for the Council to think about.



They do this to make sure justice systems work better for people with disability.



The Council will keep working on this.

The disability community



The Council talked about issues that the disability community shared with them.



The **UN Convention** is an agreement between different countries.



It explains how people with disability should be treated fairly.



There is a **committee** that makes sure countries are following the UN Convention.



A committee is a group of people who meet to talk about ideas.



This committee shared that audio descriptions on TV in Australia aren't **accessible** enough.

For example, when subtitles explain what sounds you can hear on a TV show.



When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use
- understand.



The Council also shared 3 things that the South Australian Government is doing.



The Office of **Autism** in South Australia is a new part of the government.

Autism is a disability that affects how you:



- think
- feel
- communicate
- connect and deal with others.

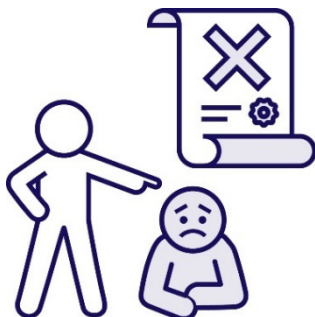
The South Australian Government will pay for disability supports for people who:



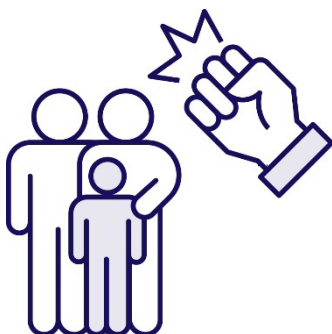
- moved to Australia from another country



- can't get support from the NDIS.



The South Australian Government is also making **coercive control** against the law.



Coercive control is part of family violence.

It can include when someone controls:



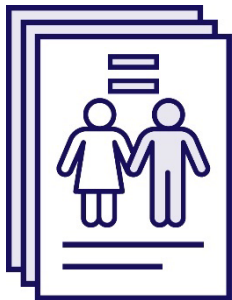
- who you talk to



- where you go



- your money.



The Council also shared that the Australian Government is creating a new plan.

We call it the National Strategy to Achieve **Gender Equality**.



Gender equality will happen when all people believe everyone is equal, including women and men.

The NDIS First Nations Advisory Council



The Council also talked about how Council member Ms Liz Reid is now part of the First Nations **Reference Group**.



A Reference Group is a group of people who give the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) advice about a certain topic.



The Council also talked about the work the NDIA is doing on the First Nations Strategy.

This is a document about how the NDIA can support First Nations peoples.



The NDIA is working with the First Peoples Disability Network to **co-design** the First Nations Strategy.

Co-design is when people work together to plan something new.

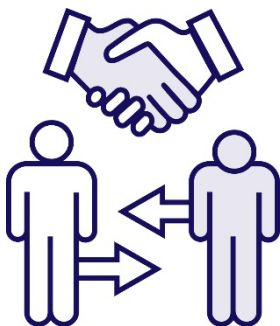
The co-design will focus on:



- what First Nations peoples want



- goals First Nations peoples have.



The First Nations Strategy will also work with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

The agreement explains how governments can support First Nations peoples.

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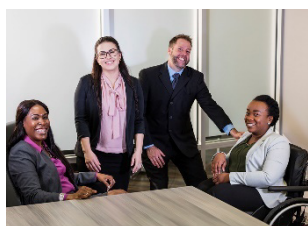


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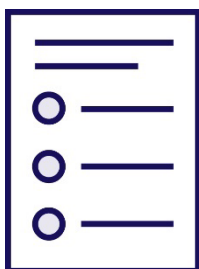
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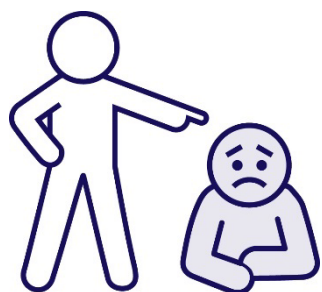
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