



Creating
an inclusive
community
together

Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031

Our Strategy Advisory Council meeting
22 June 2023

An Easy Read meeting bulletin

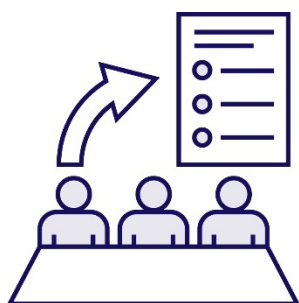


How to use this bulletin



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

The Council holds meetings as part of their work.



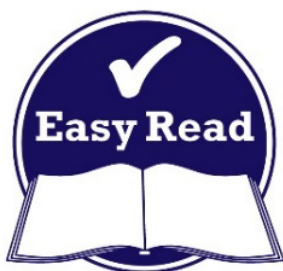
The Council wanted to share a **bulletin** about what they did in their last meeting.

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

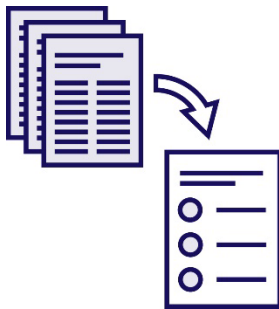
We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 18.



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.

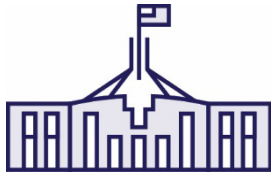


The Council is **independent**.

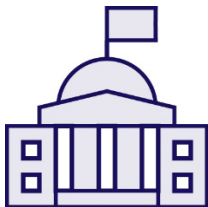
That means they:

- don't work for the government
- make their own decisions.

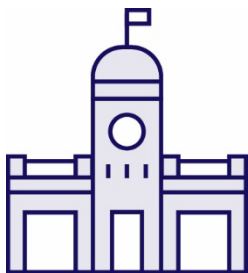
The Council gives advice to:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.

Their advice is about how well these governments:



- use the Strategy



- share reports about the Strategy



- work towards the goals of the Strategy.

What did the Council talk about?



The Council held their meeting on 22 June 2023.



They shared important updates about their work.



Their next meeting is planned for 2 August 2023.

Changes to Council members



Dr Ben Gauntlett told Council members that he will stop working on the Council.



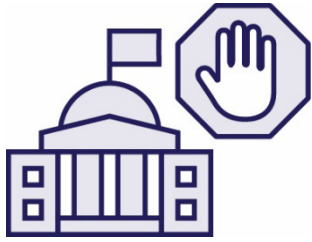
He will also stop working as the **Disability Discrimination Commissioner (the Commissioner)**.



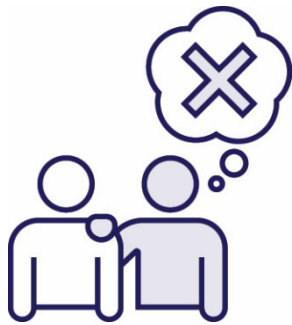
The Commissioner works to make sure people with disability are safe.



On 30 June 2023, Dr Ben Gauntlett will start his new job as a leader of the **Anti-Corruption Commission**.



The Anti-Corruption Commission works to stop **corruption** in government departments.

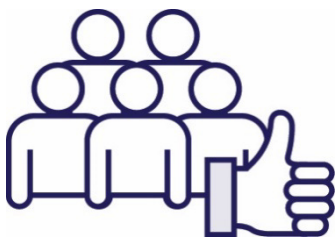


Corruption is when someone acts like a good person but they do the wrong thing.



Ms Jane Spring will lead the Council meetings until the end of 2023.

She earned a Member of the Order of Australia this year for her work with the disability community.



5 new members will join for the next Council meeting.



The **Minister** for Social Services will choose who these people are.

A minister leads an area of the government.

Accessible airlines

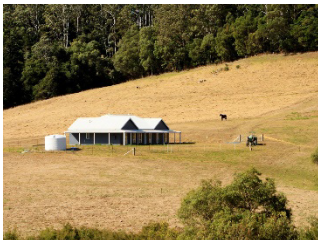


When something is **accessible**, it is easy to:

- find and use services
- move around.



The Council talked about how airlines need to be more accessible.



This includes for people travelling from places far away from cities and towns.



The Council talked about how airlines are changing things to become more accessible.



But the Council is worried that airlines aren't doing enough.



They talked about how laws need to change to make sure airlines are accessible.



The Council agreed to share their ideas with ministers in charge of:

- transport
- making things accessible for people with disability.

The justice system

The **justice system** includes:



- police



- the courts



- the law



- prisons.



The Council agreed to talk about the justice system after the **Disability Royal Commission** shares its Final Report.

The Disability Royal Commission is looking at how people with disability experience:



- **violence** – when someone hurts you physically



- **abuse** – when someone treats you badly



- **neglect** – when someone is not helping you the way they are supposed to help you



- **exploitation** – when someone takes advantage of you.

The disability community



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



This includes the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CoSP).



CoSP was an important meeting between different countries to talk about the **rights** of people with disability.



Rights are rules about how people must treat you:

- fairly
- equally.



The Council talked about how important young leaders are in the disability community.

They said it's important to build strong connections between these young leaders and governments.

The Council also shared its ideas about ways to:



- support the community to take part in CoSP



- link the Strategy to our international goals.

The Outcomes Framework Annual Report



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.



The Council read the 2022 Annual Report.

And they agreed to send their ideas to the disability ministers.



At the next meeting, the Council will get their ideas ready to send.

Word list

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



Abuse

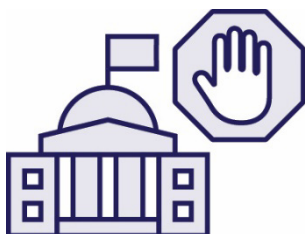
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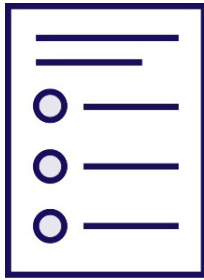
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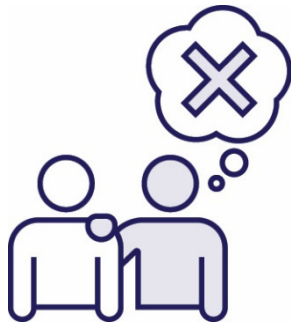
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Disability Royal Commission

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- violence
- abuse
- neglect
- exploitation.



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