

# AUSTRALIA'S DISABILITY STRATEGY 2021-2031

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

### COMMUNIQUÉ

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council (the Advisory Council) met on 2 August 2023 for the first meeting with Ms Jane Spring as Chair.

The Advisory Council welcomed:

- the Minister for Social Services, the Hon Amanda Rishworth
- five new members, including four state and territory Disability Council representatives

Minister Rishworth spoke to her role across government and the important role of the Advisory Council as voices of lived experience.

Issues discussed included:

- advice to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) on the design and impact of Targeted Action Plans and the First Annual Report for the *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031* (ADS) Outcomes Framework
- overview of the approach to the two yearly ADS Implementation Report
- housing, with a focus on identifying aspects of this issue to champion and take forward
- other issues arising in the disability community, ensuring members were aware of all avenues to raise concerns for timely addressing

Advisory Council members provided feedback on these issues in order for work to be progressed ahead of the next Advisory Council meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 November 2023.