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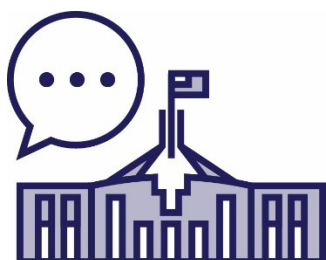
# Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031

Our Strategy Advisory Council meeting  
2 August 2023

An Easy Read meeting bulletin



## How to use this bulletin



Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council (the Council) give 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.



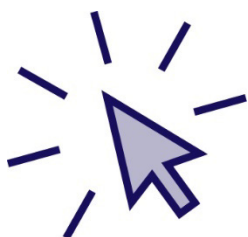
We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **14**.



This Easy Read bulletin is a 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/communiques](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/communiques)**



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:

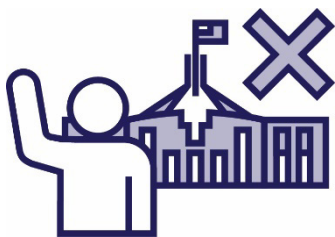
- disability
- or
- **lived experience** of disability.



If you have lived experience of disability, you:

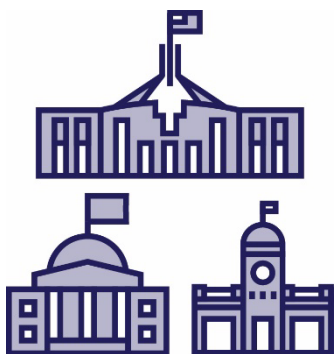
- have a disability
- know what life can be like for people with disability
- can tell your story to help others.

The Council is **independent**.



That means they:

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



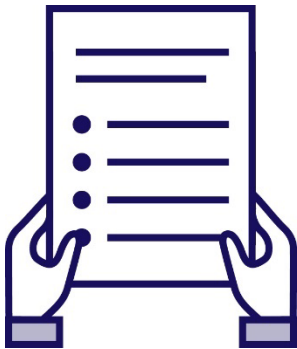
The Council gives advice to:

- 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 the Council talked about



The Council held their meeting on 2 August 2023.



This was the first meeting with their new Chair, Ms Jane Spring.

This means she runs the Council meetings.

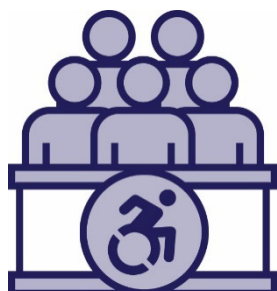


The Council welcomed the Honourable Amanda Rishworth to the meeting.

Amanda is the **Minister** for Social Services.



A Minister leads an area of government.



The Council also welcomed 5 new members.





This includes 4 members who are part of disability **advisory councils** in different states and territories.



An advisory council is a group of people who work to share what:

- is working well
- needs to work better.



They speak up for people with disability in different states and territories.



The Council shared important updates about their work.



Their next meeting is planned for 9 November 2023.

## People with lived experience of disability



The Honourable Amanda Rishworth talked about her role in the Australia Government.



She also talked about the important role the Council have for people with lived experience.

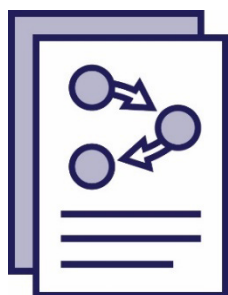
## The Strategy



The Council talked about the advice they will give to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC).



DRMC is a group of ministers who manage and make laws about disability in Australia.



The Council will give advice about Targeted Action Plans (action plans).

The action plans talk about what governments will do to help get the **outcomes** in the Strategy.



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



The Council will also give advice about the first Annual Report for the Strategy's Outcomes Framework.



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



The Council's advice will include the design of the:

- action plans
- Outcomes Framework.



And how they will change the lives of people with disability in Australia.



The Council also talked about how we should manage a report we need to write every 2 years.

This report explains how the government will take steps to get the outcomes of the Strategy.

## The disability community



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



For example, problems with housing.



The Council talked about issues around housing for people with disability.

And how to help fix these issues.



The Council also made sure members know who to contact when the disability community shares issues with them.

## Word list

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

### **Advisory council**



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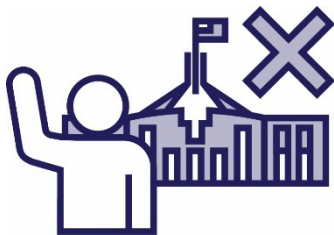
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## Lived experience



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- have a disability
- know what life can be like for people with disability
- can tell your story to help others.



## **Minister**

A minister leads an area of government.



## **Outcomes**

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



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