



Australian Government  
Department of Social Services

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# Australia's Disability Strategy

## 2024 Review



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
together

The Australian Government Department of Social Services wrote this.

We say **DSS** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means the DSS.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

Not bold

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



You can look at the other document.  
It is on our website.

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

You can ask for help to read this document.



You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the first people to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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# Australia's Disability Strategy



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
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The government set up Australia's Disability Strategy.

We call it ADS for short.

ADS is the governments way of working together to support people with disability live good lives.



They do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.

We did a **review** of ADS.



A review is when you check

- What is working
- What needs to change.

This helps us

- **Change** our plans
- Make **new plans**.



We talked to

- People with disability
- Organisations that support people with disability.

This is very important.

# About the review



We want to make Australia more inclusive.

Inclusive is when everyone can

- **Take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.



State and territory governments are making plans to support people with disability.



To help us do the ADS review we looked at

- **Disability Royal Commission**
- NDIS Review

We call it **DRC** for short.



The DRC and NDIS Review helped us look at ADS.



They helped us work out how to make ADS better.

# Who we talked to



To do the ADS review we talked to

- People with disability



- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DROs** for short.

- ADS Advisory **Council**.



A Council is a group of people that work together to help the government with the ADS.

We call them **the Council** for short.

The Council is made up of



- People with disability
- People who understand what life can be like for people with disability.



# Taking part



We tested ideas about the ADS

We had 4 **workshops** with the Council.

A workshop is when people in a group talk about something



We had 5 workshops with DROs.



We wrote a paper.

We had some questions about it.



**Questions**

1. What do you think about it?

☐ Good

☐ Bad

☒ Not sure

Lots of people answered our questions including

- People with disability
- DROs.

# Common ideas



We grouped together ideas from everyone.

People said they want to have



- More chances to give their ideas about ADS

- More accessible information.



Accessible means everyone can use it.

Like Easy Read.



People said that the government need to work together better.

That is

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments
- Local governments



To make things better.



We heard that the ADS needs to do better to make community attitudes better.

Attitudes are what people

- Think
- Feel
- Believe.



To make things better people with disability need to be more involved with how ADS

- Works
- Is shared with the disability community.

There are important areas we need to focus on.



This will make sure the most change will happen.

- All governments need to do more work on their plans in these important areas.



There needs to be more accessible information.

This means everyone can understand it.



People with all experiences need to be included in

- Actions
- Reports about the work.



This includes people with disability who come from

- Different cultures



- Speak different languages



- Live in same sex relationships



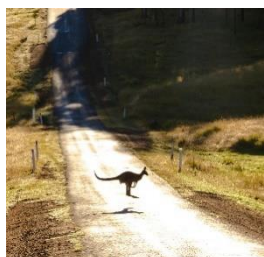
- Are women



- Are children



- Live in cities



- Live in rural areas.

The reports should be about



- All the people with disability who live in Australia
- Their different experiences.

# Focus areas



We heard that people think the focus areas of ADS are still good.

They should continue to be important.

The focus areas are



- **Employment and financial security**

Employment means having a job.



Financial security means having **enough money** to buy the things you need.



- Inclusive homes and communities



- Safety **rights** and **justice**

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone



- Fair
- Equal.



Justice is

- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.



- Personal and community support



- Education and learning



- Health and wellbeing



- Community **attitudes**.

Attitudes are what people



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# Targeted Action Plans



People had ideas on how to make **Targeted Action Plans** better.

We call them **TAPs** for short.

TAPs are plans to help us do a **good job**.



People want new TAPs for

- Homes



- Community attitudes



- Safety.



They also had ideas on how to make new TAPs.



It is important for people with disability to be included in making TAPs.

# Action



We put together all the ideas.

We have some **planned actions** to make ADS better.

Planned actions are how we will do things better.



We will make a plan for

- Australian Government
- State and Territory governments
- Local government

All need to work together for ADS.



We will make a plan for communities to know about

- ADS
- How ADS helps.



We have made more TAPs.

There are 3 new TAPS.



- Inclusive homes and communities



- Safety Rights and Justice



- Community attitudes.



We are working on a plan to make sure there is more

- Accessible information.

We will write more reports.



We will make sure they are

- Useful
- Easy to understand what is going well
- Easy to understand what is not going well.



We will make a plan to help more people with disability who are homeless.



The **Ministers** will have a say about our planned actions.

Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.

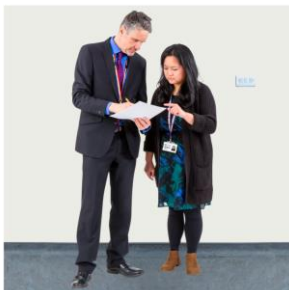
# Reports



The Outcomes Framework is to check that we are doing what we said.



It tells us to write reports about what we have done.

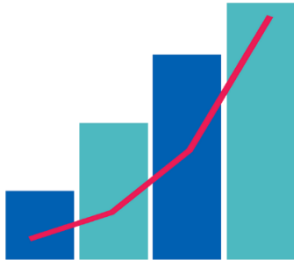


People think we need to look at more areas to check we are doing a good job.



The DRC said it is important to have good

- **Data**
- **Research**



## Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



## Research means

- Finding out what people think about things
- Using the information to **help others**.

# What is next



We will have more chances for the disability community to have a say.

We are writing a plan to help us do this.



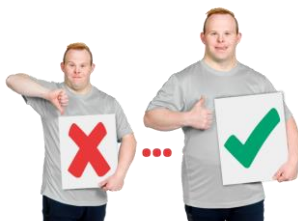
In 2025 we will also have

- ADS National Forum
- ADS Evaluation.



They will help us listen to ideas from the disability community.

They will help us keep doing good work for people with disability.



The Australian Government will keep working to make ADS better.





We will update

- ADS
- The Roadmap.



We have done lots of other work.

You can look at our website.

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



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