



Australian Government

Department of Social Services

Australia's Disability Strategy

2024 Review

Consultation Report



Creating
an inclusive
community
together



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Department of Social Services

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 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



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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 from the disability community.

This is very important.

Who we talked to



Different people and organisations told us what they thought about the ADS



We spoke with

- **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.

Taking part



We tested some ideas about 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.



People said they want to have

- More chances to give their ideas about ADS



- Easier ways to give their ideas



- More accessible information.

Accessible means everyone can use it.

Like Easy Read.



- To work with the government to make things better.

Common Ideas



Over half of people said they liked the ADS plan.

We grouped together the 5 most common ideas from everyone.

They were



1. That all governments work together better.

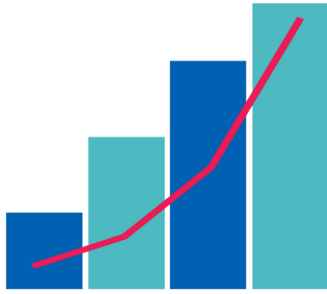
This includes

- The Australian Government
- State and territory governments
- Local government.



2. ADS needs to have better

- **Data**
- Reports.



Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



3. More **accessible** information



4. For everyone to follow ADS plans to make better changes for communities.



5. More people with disability to be part of work for ADS.

Australia's Disability Strategy plans



To do our ideas we made

- Targeted Action Plans
- The **Outcome Framework**.



The Outcome Framework is our way to check that we are doing what we said.

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



Everyone thinks we will do a better job if

- We give people more chances to have a say



- The government works together better



- The community knows more about ADS



- There is better data and reports

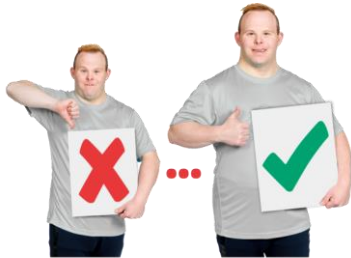


- We only work on the most important ideas.

Most important issues



We talked about the most important issues for people with disability.



Lots of people think we need to do more to make things better.

Like



- Make community **attitudes** better

Attitudes are what people

- Think
- Feel
- Believe.



- Communities to understand more about disability



- Teach people to know what to do when they meet people with disability.



Like

- Teachers
- Police
- Health workers.



- Have better houses for people with disability



- Help more people who are homeless



- Help more people with disability get a job.

What is next



We put together everything we found in a report.

We called it 2024 Review of ADS.



We will put together a plan to do another check of ADS in

- 2025
- 2026.

We have done lots of other work.

You can look at our website.

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/strategy



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