Australia’s Disability Strategy

2024 Review

Consultation Report



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| Australian Government logo with Department of Social Services underneath | The Australian Government Department of Social Services wrote this.  We say **DSS** for short.  When you see the word **we** it means the DSS. |
| A person holding a white book with easy read on the cover | We wrote this in an easy to read way.  We use pictures to explain some ideas. |
| The word bold is in bold and the words not bold are in plain text | We have some words in **bold**.  This means the letters are thicker and darker.  These are important words. |
| An easy read document with pictures and lines for text. | This is an Easy Read summary of another document.  This means it has the most important ideas. |
| Two people with their arms around each other with thumbs up. | You can ask for help to read this document.  You can ask   * A friend * Family members * A support person. |
| cartoon of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in the background | We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on. |
| teal map of australia | 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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| Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031, Creating an inclusive community together logo. | The government set up Australia’s Disability Strategy.  We call it ADS for short. |
| group of poeple talking together with speech bubbles above their heads | 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. |
| person looking through a magnifying glass | 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**. |
| a group of people posing for a photo | We talked to people from the disability community.  This is very important. |

## Who we talked to

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| a group of people posing for a photo | Different people and organisations told us what they thought about the ADS |
| a group of people sitting at tables and a person talking into a microphone | We spoke with   * **Disability Representative Organisations**   We call them **DROs** for short. |
| A diverse group of people in a meeting, with some in wheelchairs and a guide dog present. | * 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

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| lots of groups of people with purple speech bubbles around them | We tested some ideas about ADS.  We had 4 **workshops** with the Council.  A workshop is when people in a group talk about something. |
| a group of people sitting at tables and a person talking into a microphone | We had **5** workshops with DROs. |
| papers | We wrote a paper.  We had some questions about it. |
| questionnaire with a hand holding a pencil | Lots of people answered our questions including   * People with disability * DROs. |
| a person speaking into a megaphone | People said they want to have   * More chances to give their ideas about ADS |
| a group of people talking | * Easier ways to give their ideas |
| a difficult document with a cross and easy read document with a tick | * More accessible information.   Accessible means everyone can use it.  Like Easy Read. |
| A group of people standing around a person in a wheelchair with speech bubbles above their heads. | * To work with the government to make things better. |

Common Ideas

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| Three people sitting around a table giving thumbs-up gestures and smiling. | Over half of people said they liked the ADS plan.  We grouped together the 5 most common ideas from everyone.  They were |
| A group of people standing around a person in a wheelchair with speech bubbles above their heads. | 1. That all governments work together better.   This includes   * The Australian Government * State and territory governments * Local government. |
| a person point to a graph | 1. ADS needs to have better  * **Data** * Reports. |
| A graph with a red line | Data is   * Facts * Information * Records. |
| a difficult document with a cross and easy read document with a tick | 1. More **accessible** information |
| 2 people standing next to a board with the numbers 1 to 3 with tick next to the numbers | 1. For everyone to follow ADS plans to make better changes for communities. |
| a group of people leaning over a tbale with paper on it | 1. More people with disability to be part of work for ADS. |

Australia’s Disability Strategy plans

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| a person standing next a board with green ticks with thumbs up  an easy read report | 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. |
| a person talking into a microphone | Everyone thinks we will do a better job if   * We give people more chances to have a say |
| A group of people standing around a person in a wheelchair with speech bubbles above their heads. | * The government works together better |
| a person pointing to a board that says more info here | * The community knows more about ADS |
| a group of people leaning over a table with a graph | * There is better data and reports |
| numbered blocks with number 1 as the biggest | * We only work on the most important ideas. |

Most important issues

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| 2 people talking with speech bubbles | We talked about the most important issues for people with disability. |
| a person with thumbs down holding a board with a cross next to a person with thumbs up holding a board with a tick | Lots of people think we need to do more to make things better.  Like |
| a person showing different feelings | * Make community **attitudes** better   Attitudes are what people   * Think * Feel * Believe. |
| 2 people pointing to an easy read form | * Communities to understand more about disability |
| Image og a teacher helping a student at the top, police helping a person in the middle and a group of health care workers at the bottom | * Teach people to know what to do when they meet people with disability.   Like   * Teachers * Police * Health workers. |
| a group of people with the words our house at the bottom | * Have better houses for people with disability |
| 2 people in the middle with different types of house around them | * Help more people who are homeless |
| a person next to a board saying welcome to your new job and people sitting in front | * Help more people with disability get a job. |

What is next

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| an easy ready report | We put together everything we found in a report.  We called it 2024 Review of ADS. |
| a group of people leaning ovewr paper on a table | We will put together a plan to do another check of ADS in   * 2025 * 2026. |
| a computer mouse clicking | 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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