



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
together

# Australia's Disability Strategy

2024 Building a more inclusive  
Australia







Australian Government  
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.

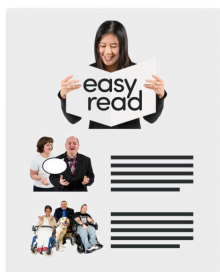
# Bold

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.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us

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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



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.

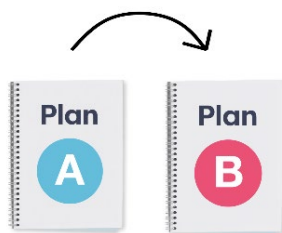
This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.



We did a **review** of ADS in 2024.

A review is when you check

- What is working
- What needs to change.



This helps us

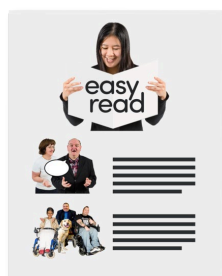
- **Change** our plans
- Make **new plans**.



We talked to the disability community.

They told us what we could do better.

This is very important.



We wrote a report about what we heard.

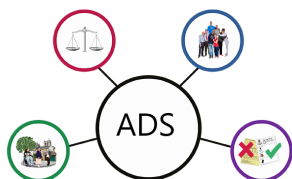
There is an Easy Read summary of report.



It is on our website.

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

# Updating ADS



We updated ADS documents.

We put in new ideas from what we heard.



The new ideas say

- How people can take part in ADS
- New ADS **actions**

Actions are the things that we will do.

- How we report about ADS.

This will make ADS better.



The new ideas mean there are new things for us to work on.



The updates say

- What we have done so far
- What is important for people with disability.



# Connecting



People said they want more chances to

- Take part in ADS
- Give ideas in different ways.



People also said they want more people to know about ADS.



The updates have actions to tell more people in the community about ADS.



To do this the ADS Advisory **Council** made a video talking about

- The updates
- What it means for the disability community.



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



We will write a new plan in 2025.

The new plan is called the Community Engagement Plan.



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

# Taking action



All governments will work together on ADS.

We will write new plans.



These new plans will be about having more **accessible**

- Information
- Communication.



Accessible means everyone can use it.

Like

- Easy Read
- **Auslan**

Auslan is Australian sign language.

We will help more people with disability



- Have accessible homes
- Be able to get around your community.



We are working on ways to reduce homelessness for people with disability.



We have listened to what the disability community has told us over the last 3 years.

We have updated ADS with information that has shared with us.



In the next 3 years all governments will work together on 3 new **Targeted Action Plans**.

We call them **TAPs** for short.

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

## TAPs



They will be about

- **Inclusive** homes and communities
- Safety **rights** and **justice**
- Community **attitudes**



Inclusive is when everyone

- Can take part
- Feel like they belong.



Rights are rules about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



Justice is

- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.



Attitudes are what people

- Think
- Feel
- Believe.

# Impact



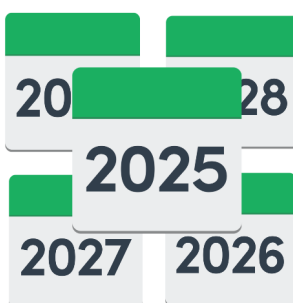
We are responsible for what we do.

People want better ways to hear about what we are doing for ADS.



This might be

- More reports on ADS
- Having governments share their progress in different ways.



We will write reports every year to tell the community how we are going.



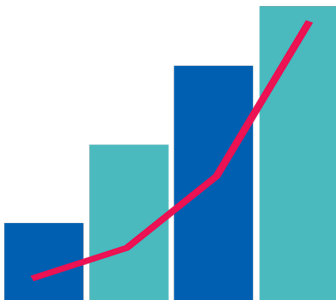
We will say

- What we have done so far



- Things we can do better.

We will also improve



- ADS **data**
- How we share data.

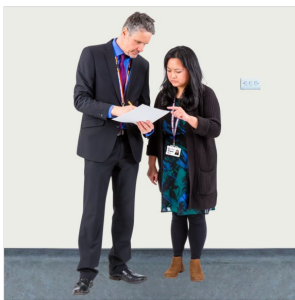
Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.

# What is next



We will keep working on ideas that will make good changes for people with disability.



In 2025 we will look at ADS.

This will be done by someone outside the government.

This is called an evaluation.



They will look at what we have done so far.



They will talk to the disability community.



This will give people with disability the chance to have a say about more changes.



# Contact us



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