





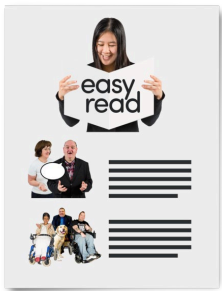
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Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 – 2031 Advisory Council

16 October 2024



Creating
an inclusive
community
together




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|  <p>Australian Government</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Social Services</p> | <p>This Easy Read document was written by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.</p> <p>We say DSS for short.</p> <p>When you see the word we it means DSS.</p> |
|  | <p>We wrote this in an easy to read way.</p> <p>We use pictures to explain some ideas.</p> |
| <p>Bold</p> <p>Not bold</p> | <p>We have some words in bold.</p> <p>This means the letters are thicker and darker.</p> <p>These are important words.</p> |
|  | <p>This is an Easy Read summary of what happened in the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>This means it has the most important ideas from the meeting.</p> |

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|  | <p>If you need support to read this you can ask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A friend • Family members • A support person. |
|  | <p>We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of the land we live on.</p> |
|  | <p>They were the first people to live on and use the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land • Waters. |

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Australia's Disability Strategy



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|  <p>Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031</p> <p>Creating an inclusive community together</p> | <p>Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 - 2031 is a plan to make life better for people with disability.</p> |
| | <p>We call it ADS.</p> |
|  | <p>ADS is important for Australia to be more inclusive.</p> <p>Inclusive means everyone can take part.</p> |
|  | <p>This makes everyone in our community feel welcome.</p> |

Australia's Disability Strategy





2021 – 2031 Advisory Council

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|  | <p>The Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031 Advisory Council gives advice about ADS to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Australian Government• State and territory governments• Local governments. <p>We call it the Council.</p> |
|  | <p>The Council is not part of the government.</p> |




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|   | <p>The Council helps governments understand how to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use ADS • Share reports about ADS • Work towards the goals of ADS. |
|  | <p>The Council includes people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With disability • Who understand barriers for people with disability. |
|  | <p>The Council has 4 meetings a year.</p> |


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|  | <p>The Council writes bulletins about what they did in their meetings.</p> <p>A bulletin is important news to share with the community.</p> |
|  | <p>This bulletin is about the Council meeting on 16 October 2024.</p> |

What the Council talked about

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|  | <p>Jane Spring is the Council Chair.</p> <p>This means she leads the Council meetings.</p> |
|  | <p>The Council shared important updates.</p> |
|  | <p>Natalie Wade left the Council in September 2024.</p> <p>Jane Spring thanked Natalie for her work with the Council.</p> |
|  | <p>The Council talked about emails they got from people with disability about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessible information• Changes to university and TAFE. |

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|  | <p>Since the last meeting the Council took part in workshops about</p> |
|   | <p>The National Disability Reform Agenda which included the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Royal Commission recommendations • NDIS review. <p>These will support people with disability to live a good life.</p> |
|  | <p>ADS Review update</p> <p>The ADS Review is checking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ADS is working well • What needs to change • What should be added. |

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|  | <p>There was a session about ADS.</p> <p>It was called ADS 101.</p> <p>This helped new members of the Council understand how ADS works.</p> |
| <p>TAPs</p>  | <p>New Targeted Action Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted Action Plans are small plans that all work towards ADS. <p>We call them TAPs.</p> |
|  | <p>All governments worked together to write TAPs.</p> <p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Government State and territory governments Local governments. |




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|  | <p>The Council talked about a draft Work Plan for 2025.</p> <p>The Work Plan will support the Council to</p> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the most important ADS issues • Give formal advice to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council. <p>We call it the DRMC.</p> |
|  | <p>The DRMC is a group of Disability Ministers from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian Government • State and territory governments. <p>Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.</p> |




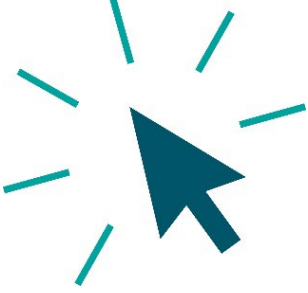

The DRMC talk about how governments will support people with disability through

- ADS
- NDIS.

What the Council heard about

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|  | <p>People from the Attorney Generals Department spoke to the Council.</p> <p>The Attorney Generals Department is the area of government that</p> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gives advice to the government about laws |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is reviewing the Disability Discrimination Act. |
|  | <p>The Disability Discrimination Act is the law that says people with disability must be treated fairly.</p> <p>We call it the DDA.</p> |

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|  | <p>The DDA review will check if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DDA is working well for people with disability • There is anything that needs to change. |
|  | <p>The Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will get regular updates about the DDA Review • Like being part of the DDA Review process. |
|  | <p>The next Council meeting is on 6 December 2024</p> |

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|  | <p>Go to the Council website if you need more information.</p> <p>Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council Disability Gateway</p> |
|  | <p>You can email us.</p> <p>adsadvisorycouncil@dss.gov.au</p> |



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