

ADS Advisory Council – 2025 Work Plan: Council Outcomes and Areas for Advice

The 2025 Work Plan provides a public record of key areas the Council plans to provide advice on in 2025, summarised into the following high- level agendas spanning the four meetings scheduled for 2025. This Work Plan sets out key items where the Council intends to explore a topic in depth prior to providing advice.

Note: Timings for items including cross-portfolio topics (e.g. Housing, Aviation, First Nations) and the ADS Evaluation are pending confirmation, and may result in changes to the high-level agendas proposed below. The scheduling may change further dependent on the priorities of the Council.

Council Meeting 1: 13 March 2025

- **Evaluation in ADS – Phase One: (the *Guide to Involving People with Disability in Evaluation*)**
 - **Council to agree** on informal advice on the Evaluation and *Guide to Involving People with Disability in Evaluation*, and how it should be developed/scope/content, demonstrating Council's understanding of how the Guide will support the Evaluation project.
- **Reporting on the next set of Targeted Action Plans – Phase One**
 - **Council to agree** on formal advice for DRMC on what a good 'TAP report' would look like, and how reporting accounts for disability diversity and intersectionality.

Council Meeting 2: [2 day face to face] 17 and 18 June 2025

- **The development of the proposed new ADS Community Engagement plan, in response to a key recommendation of the recent ADS Review Report**
 - **Council to agree** on informal advice on the development/scope/intent of the Engagement plan.
- **ADS data and research mechanisms, including the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA), the National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) and the ADS Outcomes Framework and associated data improvement work**
 - **Day 1 (17 June) – Deep Dive:** Information for Council to support understanding of ADS data improvement, linkages with NDDA and NDRP and opportunities to shape related work.
 - **Day 2 (18 June) - Council to agree** initial observations on how NDDA and NDRP operate in alignment with ADS. May include joint discussion with NDDA Council and/or NDRP representatives.

Council Meeting 3: 28 August 2025

- **Reporting on the next set of Targeted Action Plans – Phase Two**
 - **Council to agree** on formal advice to DRMC on how TAP reporting meets the expectations set out in **Phase One**.
- **The proposed new Associated Plan on Accessible Information and Communications and relevant activities, in response to DRC Recommendation 6.1 and 6.2**
 - **Council to agree** on informal advice on the work being undertaken on the development of the Accessible Communications Associated Plan.

Council Meeting 4: 20 November 2025

- **The Government's proposals to improve community attitudes and understanding of disability**
 - **Council to agree** on informal advice on proposed approach to improve community attitudes and understanding of disability.
- **How ADS is being implemented across portfolios**
 - **Council to agree on** formal advice to DRMC on how it sees ADS is being implemented through the Housing portfolio, as a first step to improve cross-portfolio oversight of ADS.
- **2026 Work Plan approval**
 - **Council to agree on** the 2026 Work Plan for the Council, which will then be taken to DRMC for agreement.
- **ADS Advisory Council Draft 2026 ToR update**
 - **Council to agree on** the 2026 ToR Update, which will then be taken to DRMC for agreement.