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Department of Social Services

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council

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The Australian Government Department of Social Services wrote this.

We say **DSS** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means DSS.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of what happened in the Advisory Council meeting.

This means it has the most important ideas from the meeting.



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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Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 to 2031 is a plan to make life better for people with disability.

We call it **ADS**.



ADS is important for Australia to be more **inclusive**.

Inclusive means everyone can take part.



This makes everyone in our community feel welcome.

ADS Advisory Council



The ADS **Advisory Council** gives advice about ADS to

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

We call it **the Council**.



The Council is **not** part of the government.



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The Council helps governments understand how to

- Use ADS
- Share reports about ADS
- Work towards the **goals** of ADS.

Goals are things you want to do.



The Council includes people

- With disability
- Who understand barriers for people with disability.



The Council writes information about what they talked about in their meetings.

We share important information with the community.



This information is about the Council meeting on 13 March 2025.

What the Chair talked about



Jane Spring is the Council **Chair**.

The Chair is the person who runs the meeting.

Jane gave updates about



- Meeting with the **Disability Reform Ministerial Council**.

We call it **DRMC**.



DRMC is a group of Disability **Ministers** from

- The Australian Government
- State and territory governments

Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.



DRMC agreed to

- ADS 2025 Work Plan
- ADS 2024 Annual Report
- Changes to the ADS Council **Terms of Reference**.

We call them **TOR** for short.



The TOR are the rules of the Council.

It helps everyone know what is expected.



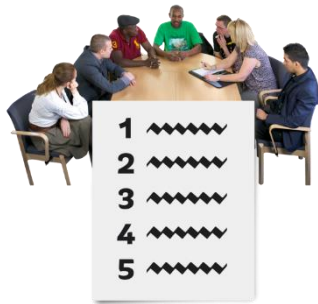
DRMC agreed to put the documents on the website.

You can look at them on the website.

It is **not** in Easy Read.

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/strategy

What the Council talked about



The Council agreed to giving advice to DSS about

TAPs



1. Targeted Action Plans

We call them **TAPs** for short.

TAPs are the small plans working towards ADS.



We will focus on what makes a good TAPs report.



There was a workshop for the Council members on 17 February 2025.

This helped us give advice about TAPs.



The Council put their advice about TAPs in a report for DRMC.



2. The ADS **evaluation**

Evaluation means you look at what

- Went well
- Could be done better.



We want to make sure the evaluation includes people with disability.



There was a workshop for the Council members on 18 February 2025.

This helped us give advice about the ADS evaluation.



3. The Council also talked about what it might look like if the government set up a First Nations Disability Forum.



Setting up the Forum is a **recommendation** from

- Disability Royal Commission
- NDIS Review.



Recommendations are ideas to do things better.

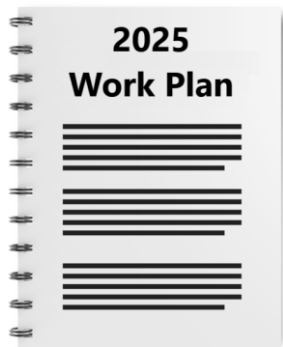
What the Council heard about



The Council heard about the work done since the meeting in December 2024 like



- The workshops to help give advice



- ADS 2025 Work Plan



- Updates on activities done with the states and territories.



The next Council meeting will be in June 2025.

It will go for **2 days**.

The meeting will be in person.



Go to the Council website if you need more information.

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/advisory-council



You can email us.

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