

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council Communiqué

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council (Advisory Council) met virtually on 6 December 2024.

The Chair of the Advisory Council, Ms Jane Spring AM, welcomed the members.

The Advisory Council discussed:

- The Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS) Review Report, Refreshed ADS, new Targeted Action Plans, including an update on the last meeting of DRMC.
- Information sharing on the approach to evaluation of ADS and the development of a Guide to Involving People with Disability in Evaluation planned over 2025.
- ADS Advisory Council 2025 Work Plan, 2024 ToR Review and the ADS Advisory Council 2024 Annual Report all with a view to seeking DRMC endorsement in early 2025.
- Interest in the Disability Discrimination Act and Human Rights Act review as a way to influence real transformative systemic change.

The Advisory Council noted:

- The work undertaken by Council members since the October 2024 meeting, including for International Day of People with Disability.
- The Chair convened a meeting of the Jurisdictional Disability Advisory Council on 21 November 2024.
- Their role in TAP governance and providing an update on findings and recommendations on the ADS Review.
- Provided updates on activities in states and territories.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for March 2025.