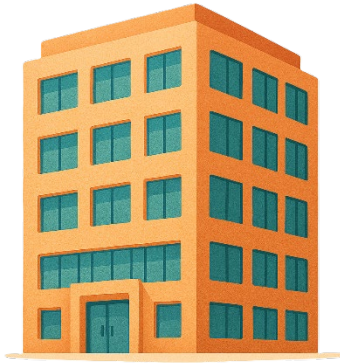


# Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 to 2031

Targeted Action Plans Report  
2025

Safety Rights and Justice





The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing wrote this.

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We wrote this in an easy to read way.

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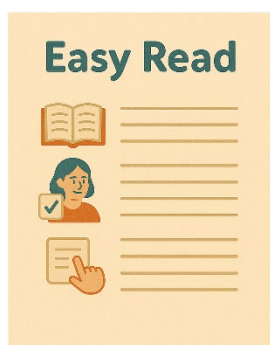
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These are important words.



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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.

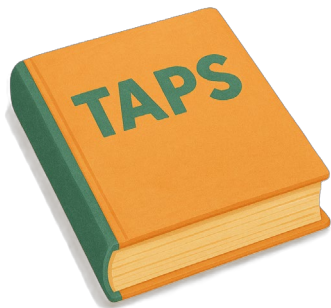
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# About this document



This document talks about



- What are **Targeted Action Plans**

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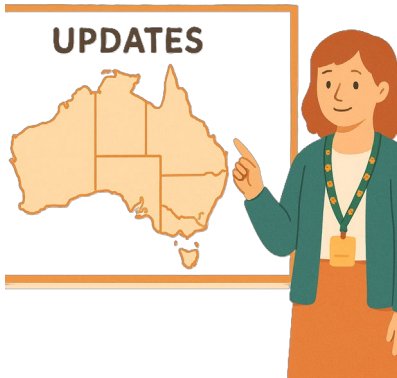
- What the TAP is trying to do



- National actions

**National Actions** are things that all governments will do.

We want all parts of Australia to have the same way of doing things.



We have other Easy Reads that talk about what the state and territory governments are doing.



You can go to our website to read the updates from the states and territories.

[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/easy-read-strategy](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/easy-read-strategy)

It is in Easy Read.

# Australia's Disability Strategy



Creating  
an inclusive  
community  
together

The government set up Australia's Disability Strategy.

We call it **the Strategy** for short.

It was also called **ADS**.



The Strategy is the governments way of working together to support people with disability to live good lives.

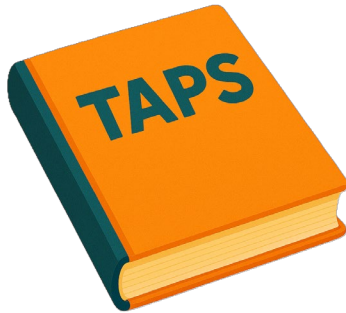
They do this by working with

- People with disability
- The community.

This makes the community a more welcoming place for everyone.



# What are Targeted Action Plans



We made small plans to help us work on the Strategy.

The small plans are called **Targeted Action Plans**.

We call them TAPs for short.



TAPs are made by **all governments** in Australia.

All governments include

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



There are 3 TAPs.

1. Community **Attitudes**





Attitudes are what people

- Think
- Feel
- Believe.



## 2. **Inclusive** Homes and Communities



Inclusive is when everyone

- Can **take part**
- Feel like they **belong**.



## 3. Safety **Rights** and **Justice**



Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



Justice is

- The **law**
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.

# What this TAP is trying to do



This TAP is about **Safety Rights and Justice**



This TAP wants to make sure people with disability

- Feel safe



- Have their rights respected



- Are treated fairly with the law.



This TAP wants

- The justice system to support people with disability better

This could be by

- Understanding them
- Meeting their needs.



- Helping to stop **violence** by making
  - **Policies**
  - Programs.

Violence is when someone hurts your body.



Policies are plans for how to do things.



- Having better support for people with disability who have experienced **trauma**

Trauma is when something happens that makes a person feel

- Upset
- Scared
- Unsafe.

# Thinking about experiences



This TAP will look at how to

- Support people with disability and the different parts of who they are.

This might change what their experience is like.

This is called **intersectionality**.



This could be

- People with disability who live in rural or remote areas



- First Nations people with disability





- People who speak different languages



- People from different cultures



- Women and girls with disability



- People with disability who are LGBTQIA+





- Children and young people with disability.



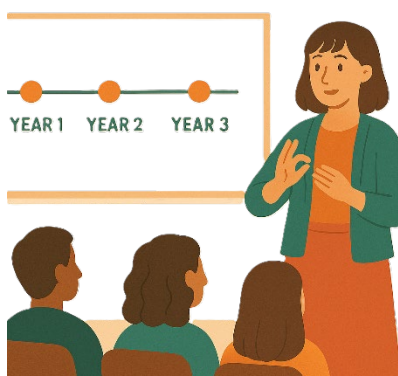
Some people fit into more than 1 of these groups.

# National Actions



The Australian Government will work with people with disability on this TAP.

All governments will put the plan into action.



All governments will work on the actions over the next 3 years.



Governments will do this by

- Sharing plans



- Sharing ideas



- Doing **workshops** together

A workshop is when a group of people meet to talk about something.



- Working with people with disability.



Each state and territory will have their own ways of working with people with disability.



The Australian Government is working on 2 main activities to work on the actions



### 1. Having better support in **court**

A court is where someone goes to help solve problems or if someone broke the law.

In a court

- A judge listens to what happened
- People say what happened
- A judge decides what is fair and should happen.



### 2. Support for women and children with disability.

# Better support in court



New laws started in December 2024.

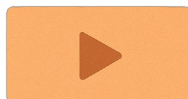
These laws support people with disability who need to tell their story in a court.



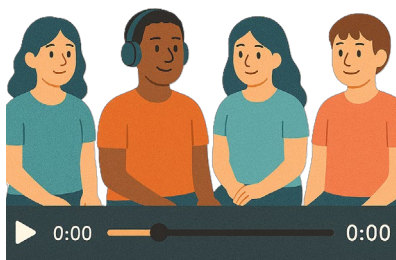
The new laws will make it

- Safe
- Fair

For people with disability to take part in court.



The new laws let **vulnerable** people



- Record what they will say in court before they go



- Only have to have a say in court 1 time

The court can decide if they need to have a say again.



Vulnerable people need extra help to stay safe and healthy.

They can be

- People with disability
- Older people
- Children.



The courts also need to have **interpreters** for people.

Interpreters are people who change what someone is saying into the words of another language



Lots of people worked together on making these laws.



# Support for women and children with disability



The **Department of Social Services** has made a new guide to keep women and children safe.

We call them **DSS** for short.

The guide says

- How things should be done
- Step by step what to do
- Can give **recommendations**.

Recommendations are ideas to do things better.



The guide is called **Disability Lens on the First Action Plan**.

We called it **DL1AP** for short.



DL1AP will help

- Women
- Children

Understand the **National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children.**



DSS spoke with

- Women with disability



- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DROs** for short.



- **Family violence** providers

Family violence is when someone in your family

- Hurts you
- Makes you feel scared.

It can happen between

- Partners
- Parents and children
- Brothers and sisters
- Carers and the people they care for.

It can also be called **domestic violence**.



- People who work for the government.

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