# Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 to 2031

Targeted Action Plans Report 2025

Victoria update







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

We say **DHDA** for short.

When you see the word we it means DHDA.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

## **Bold**Not bold

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



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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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### **About this document**



This document has 3 parts



#### Part 1 talks about

• What are Targeted Action Plans

We call them **TAPs** for short.



#### Part 2 talks about

Inclusive Homes and Communities
 TAP



#### Inclusive is when everyone

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



#### Part 3 talks about

• Safety **Rights** and **Justice** TAP



#### Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



#### Justice is

- The law
- Police
- The courts
- Prisons.

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



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

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/easy-readstrategy

It is in Easy Read.

## **Australia's Disability Strategy**



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 **TAPs**.



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



3. Safety Rights and Justice



Some governments do **not** have actions in all 3 TAPs.

They might have actions in only some of TAPs.

## Victoria update



Each state and territory government have made their own **actions**.

This makes sure that they meet the needs of their communities.

Actions are the things that we will do.



Each government says how the actions will include

People with disability



• The disability community.



This document talks about some actions the Victorian government is doing in their 2 TAPs.

We call them **VIC** for short.

#### **Inclusive Homes and Communities**



This TAP wants to make

Homes



• The community

Easier to access.



We also want them to be more welcoming.



The VIC government is working to make sure new social housing is accessible.

They need to follow **standards** to make sure the houses are accessible.



Standards are rules that people need to follow for something.

It makes sure that everyone is doing the same good work.



The standards were made with the help from Disability Representative Organisations like

Blind Citizens Australia



• Physical Disability Australia.

## **Safety Rights and Justice TAP**



This TAP wants to make sure people with disability are

- Safe
- Treated fairly.



The VIC government is working on

Changes to disability services



• Registering service providers

Registering means they are on the list of service providers.



• Disability Worker Regulation Scheme

Regulations are rules made by the government or organisation.

It says what you can

- Do
- **Not** do.



Schemes are plans or programs.

They are usually run by the government.



In February 2024 the VIC government said they would change how disability services are **managed**.

Managed means looked after.

It can be done by a

- Person
- Group.



They plan to move the work from

- Victorian Disability Worker Commission
- Disability Service Commissioner

To a **new** organisation.



The new organisation is called **Social Services Regulator**.

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

A regulator is an organisation that make sures the rules are followed.



There will be new ways for people to make **complaints** to the Regulator.



Complaints are when you tell someone they have **not** done a good job.

Everyone has the right to make a complaint.



The government is talking with

- People with disability
- Organisations.



This will make sure the changes keep

Things safe



• The same rights

For people with disability.