



AUSTRALIA'S DISABILITY STRATEGY 2021-2031

ADVISORY COUNCIL

COMMUNIQUÉ

Australia's Disability Strategy (the Strategy) Advisory Council's virtual meeting scheduled for 28 November 2025 did not go ahead. Instead, members received a written update and endorsed key documents out-of-session.

The Advisory Council endorsed following documents:

- 26 August 2025 Advisory Council Meeting Actions and Outcomes.
- Informal housing advice covering:
 - Better design and accessibility standards.
 - Disability awareness training.
 - Improved data collection and evaluation.
 - Addressing systemic barriers to housing.
- Governance documents:
 - Advisory Council's 2026 Annual Work Plan.
 - Draft 2025 Advisory Council Annual Report, highlighting Council's advice and contributions.

The Advisory Council was provided updates on:

- Progress on the Inclusion and Accessibility Fund to shift attitudes and reduce harm.
- Reforms to improve outcomes for First Nations people with disability, aligning with *Closing the Gap* and other frameworks.
- Status of the *Disability Discrimination Act* review consultation.
- Planning for the Australia's Disability Strategy National Forum, scheduled for February 2026.
- Chair activities since the last meeting, including attendance at the Sydney [Focus on Ability Film Festival](#), to highlight a key Strategy priority of changing community attitudes.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2026.