



Australian Government

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council 2026 Work Plan

**Australia's
Disability
Strategy**
2021-2031

Creating
an inclusive
community
together

Context

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council 2026 Work Plan provides a public record of key areas the Council plans to provide advice on in 2026, summarised into the following high-level agendas spanning the four meetings scheduled for 2026. This Work Plan sets out key items where the Council intends to explore a topic in depth prior to providing advice.

Note: In consultation with the Council Chair, the scheduling of agenda items may change as new Council priorities emerge or if work on certain topics is delayed. Meeting dates are also provisional and may need to change depending on availability.

The 2026 Work Plan was endorsed by the Disability Reform Ministerial Council in April 2026.

Council Meeting 1: 17 March 2026

- **Development of the Targeted Action Plans (TAPs) Report for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**
 - **Council to agree** on advice for the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) to inform development of the TAPs Report for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, ensuring it is fit for purpose and adequately reflects advice from Council to-date.
- **Endorsement of Council advice on the Independent Evaluation of Australia's Disability Strategy (the Strategy)**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to the department on arrangements for the independent evaluation of the Strategy.
- **Update on the new Aviation Disability Standards, as a schedule to the existing Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002** (including aviation transport for Major Sporting Events and the Brisbane 2032 Games)
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on the development of the new Aviation Disability Standards, following engagement with Council on this topic in 2025.

Council Meeting 2 (two-day face-to-face meeting): 24 and 25 June 2026

- **Update from Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) the Strategy's Targeted Action Plan (TAP) Actions 1.1, 2.1 and 2.2.**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to government officials on the Strategy's TAP actions relating to disability employment in the Australian Public Service.
- **Closing the Gap (CTG) /Australia's Disability Strategy Intersections**
 - **Council to agree** on advice on matters related to cross-cutting CTG/Strategy outcomes, with a focus on the CTG 2026 Implementation Plan commitments. The department will also provide an update on the development of a First Nations Disability Forum

- **Development of set of disability survey questions for Strategy reporting**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to the department to inform the development of a set of disability survey questions for Strategy reporting.
- **Review of the Australia’s Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework**
 - **Council to provide views and insights** into the effectiveness of the Outcomes Framework in driving intended outcomes.
- **Improving Access to Information and Communications for People with Disability: An Associated Plan under Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to the department on the proposed outline for the Strategy’s Associated Plan on Improving Access to Information and Communications for People with Disability.
- **The National Accessible Tourism Working Group and intersections with Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on opportunities for the work of the National Accessible Tourism Working Group to align with the Strategy.
- **Women and girls with disability and broader intersectionality and representation across Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on work happening to improve outcomes for women and girls with disability, and how this aligns with the intent of the Strategy.
- **HumanAbility review of disability support and aged care Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on how the goals of Australia’s Disability Strategy can be reflected in the review of disability support and aged care VET qualifications.
- **Major Sporting Events and the Brisbane 2032 Games, linking to the Disability Sports Index and National Disability Sports Awards (including aviation arrangements)**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on Major Sporting Events and the Brisbane 2032 Games.

Council Meeting 3: 26 August 2026

- **Endorsement of Council advice on disability inclusive education reform**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to government officials on inclusive education reform and linkages with the Strategy.
- **First major Independent Evaluation Report of Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to department officials on first major Independent Evaluation Report of the Strategy.

- **Development of Data Improvement Plan including DRC data-related Action Plan**
 - **Council to agree** on advice to the department to inform the development of the Strategy’s Data Improvement Plan, including the DRC data-related Action Plan.
- **Employment and financial security for persons with disability (workforce participation and economic inclusion)**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on workforce participation and economic inclusion reform for people with disability and linkages with the Strategy.
- **Updates/revisions to the Strategy Outcomes Framework outcome measures**
 - **Council to note** an update from department officials on updates/revisions to the Strategy Outcomes Framework outcome measures.
- **Embedding disability inclusion in Closing the Gap health initiatives and linkages to Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on work happening across government to embed disability inclusion in Closing the Gap health initiatives, and linkages to the Strategy.

Council Meeting 4: 2 December 2026

- **Improving Access to Information and Communications for People with Disability: An Associated Plan under the Strategy**
 - **Council to agree** on advice on the draft Associated Plan for Improving Access to Information and Communications for People with Disability.
- **2027 Work Plan approval**
 - **Council to agree** on the 2027 Work Plan for the Council, which will then be taken to DRMC for endorsement.
- **ADS Advisory Council Draft 2027 Terms of Reference (ToR) update**
 - **Council to agree** to the 2027 ToR Update, which will then be taken to DRMC for agreement.
- **Future Survey Waves for Australia’s Disability Strategy**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on progress on the development of the future Strategy Survey Waves.
- **How Australia’s Disability Strategy is being implemented across portfolios, in relation to housing for people with disability**
 - **Council to note** an update from government officials on how the Strategy is being implemented across portfolios, with a focus on housing.
- **Disability Royal Commission Progress Report 2026**
 - **Council to note** information from department officials on government’s

progress in implementing DRC recommendations

Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council is supported by a Secretariat in the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. For further information, please contact: ADSAdvisoryCouncil@health.gov.au.