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Australia's Disability Strategy

Advisory Council Meeting

Summary

24 and 25 June 2026



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**Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing**

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.



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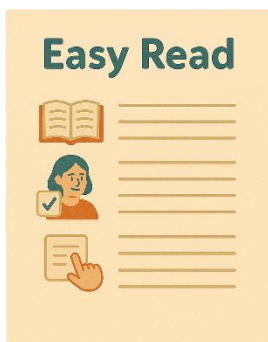
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We have some words in **bold**.

Not 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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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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Australia's Disability Strategy



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Australia's Disability Strategy is a plan to make life better for people with disability.

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

It is sometimes called **ADS**.



The Strategy is important for Australia to be more **inclusive**.

Inclusive means everyone can take part.



This makes everyone in our community feel welcome.

The Advisory Council



The **Advisory Council** gives advice about the Strategy to

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

We call it **the Council**.



The Council is **not** part of the government.



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The Council helps governments understand how to

- Use the Strategy
- Share reports about the Strategy
- Work towards the **goals** of the Strategy.

Goals are things you want to do.



The Council includes people

- With disability
- Who understand **barriers** for people with disability.



A barrier is something that stops you from doing what you

- Want
- Need.



The Council writes information about what they talked about in their meetings.

It is called a **communique**.

A commune is how we share important information with the community.



This information is about the Council meeting on

- 24 June 2026
- 25 June 2026.

Welcome



Jane Spring is the Council **Chair**.

The Chair is the person who runs the meeting.



Jane welcomed the new Council members to their first meeting.



Minister Jenny McAllister.

- Thanked the Council for all the work that it has done.

Ministers are leaders in an area of the government.



The Council talked about

- **Action items** that have been finished since the last meeting.



Actions items are the things that need to be done after a meeting.

They also say who needs to do them.

They can also be called **actions**.



The Council talked about

- 2026 Council Work Plan.

It says how the Council will do their work.



You can go to the website to read the Work Plan

www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/document/13906

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APSC advice



The Council **endorsed** advice to the

- **Australian Public Service Commission.**

We call it **APSC** for short.



Endorsed means the group agrees with what is written.



The advice is about disability **employment** in the Australian **public service**.



Employment is

- Having a job
- Going to work
- Getting money for the work you do.



The public service is people who work for

- Australian Government.



You can go to the website to read more about the APSC

www.apsc.gov.au/

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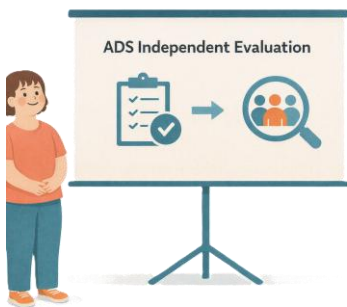
ARTD Consultants presentation



The Council had a presentation from

- **ARTD Consultants**

Consultants work with people on projects.



The presentation was about the

- The Strategy **independent evaluation**



Independent means separate to the government.

This means they

- Make their own decisions
- Choose what work to do.



Evaluation means you look at what

- Went well
- Could be done better.

You can do an evaluation of a

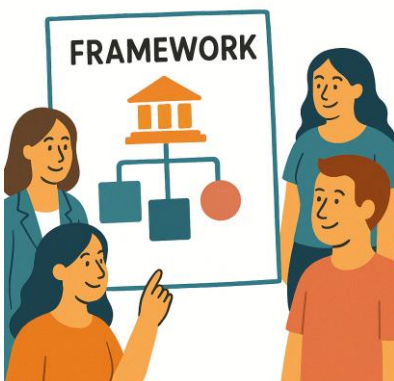
- Service
- Program
- Plan.



The Council talked about the Strategy

- **Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.**

Monitoring means making sure the work is done the right way.



A framework is how we will do something.

AHRC



The Council talked with Rosemary Kayess.

Rosemary works for the

- **Australian Human Rights Commission.**



We call it **AHRC** for short.



Rosemary is the Disability **Discrimination Commissioner.**

Discrimination means treating someone unfairly because of something about them they can **not** change.

Like they have a disability.



A Commissioner is the person in charge in an area of the government.



Rosemary talked about what she thinks about disability **reform**.

Reform means making changes to make something better.



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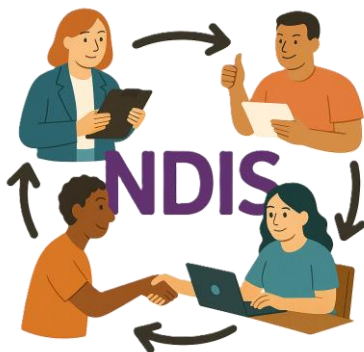
- **Reviewing the Disability Discrimination Act**

We call it **DDA** for short.



A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



- Changes to the NDIS.



Rosemary talked about the reforms needed for **human rights**.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.

Human rights are rights that everyone has.



Rosemary talked about how important the Strategy is.



You can go to the website to read more about the AHRC.

humanrights.gov.au

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Olympic and Paralympic Games advice

The Council had a presentation from



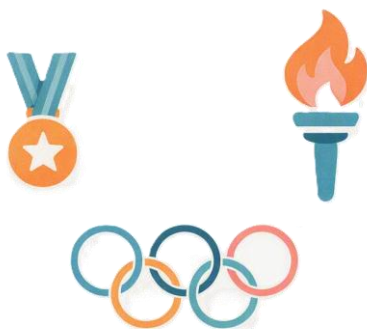
- **Department of Infrastructure
Transport Regional Development
Communications Sport and the Arts**

We call it **DITRDCA** for short.



- Queensland Government **Olympic and Paralympic Games Office**

They did the presentation together.



The Olympic Games is a sports event that happens every 4 years.

People come from all around the world to take part.



The Paralympic Games is a sport event that happens after the Olympics.

People with disability come from around the world to take part.



They talked about

- Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



The Council gave some **advice**.

Advice is when **experts** give their ideas.

There is **no** agreement that anything else will happen.

Experts are people who know a lot about something.



The advice was about

- Ways to make **accessibility** better at the Games

Accessibility means everyone can use it.



- **Disability inclusion** at the Games

Disability inclusion is when everyone

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

HumanAbility presentation



The Council had a presentation from HumanAbility.



The presentation was about

- Aged care disability **leisure** and health **qualification** review

Leisure is free time to do things you enjoy.



Qualifications are proof that you have

- Learned a skill
- Finished training to do a job.



They also talked about the

- **Disability support workforce.**

This is the people who work to support people with disability.



You can read more about HumanAbility on their website.

humanability.com.au/

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Disability data



The Council talked about **data**.

Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



The data was about

- Women with disability
- Girls with disability.



They talked about work they could do on this in the future.

State and territory representatives



The Council talked with **representatives** from

- State and territory disability advisory councils.

Representatives are people who speak up for a group of people.



They talked about

- Different work they are doing in states and territories



- How to work together to work on the Strategy



- How to be part of disability reform.

Sport Integrity Australia feedback

Feedback



The Council gave **feedback** to Sport **Integrity** Australia.

Feedback says what you think about something.

It will help

- Find problems
- Make it better in the future.



Integrity means doing the right thing even when no one is watching.



The feedback was about

- The National Integrity Framework
Policies

Policies are plans for how to do things.



It was also about making sure sport is

- Safe
- Fair
- Healthy

For everyone including people with disability.



You can read more about Sport Integrity Australia on their website.

www.sportintegrity.gov.au/

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The next meeting



The next Council meeting will be **online**.

It will be in

- August 2026.



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