

Disability Reform Roadmap 2024 to 2025

Our plan to support the disability community

Easy Read version



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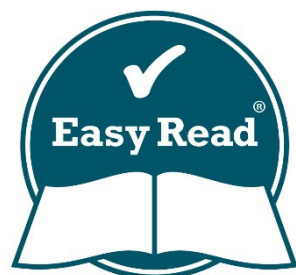


The Australian Government wrote this document with state and territory governments.



When you read the word 'we', it means:

- the Australian Government
- state and territory governments.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



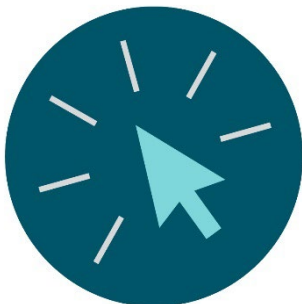
We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **19**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.dss.gov.au/disability-reform



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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About our Roadmap

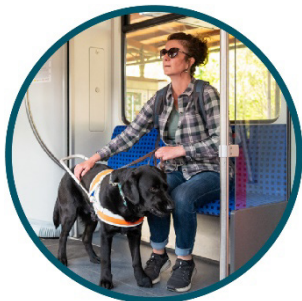
Our Disability Reform Roadmap explains what we are doing to make Australia:



- safer for people with disability



- **inclusive** – when something is inclusive, everyone can take part and feels like they belong



- **accessible** – when something is accessible, it's easy to find and use services, and move around.



Our Disability Reform Roadmap includes:

- our goals in **2024** and **2025**
- how we will achieve our goals.

Our goals



Our Disability Reform Roadmap has 4 goals we want to achieve.



We explain these goals on the following pages.

Create an inclusive and accessible community



We want the community to be inclusive and accessible for people with disability.



This includes services and places where people work, like an office.

Support the rights of people with disability



We want to support the **rights** of people with disability.

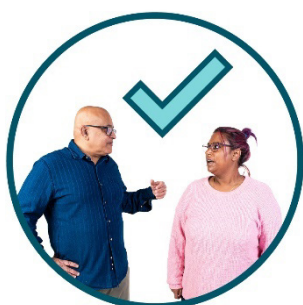
Rights are rules about how everyone must treat you:

- fairly
- equally.



This includes the right for people to:

- make their own decisions
- take part in decisions that affect their life.



We also want to understand and respect people's differences.

This includes their different experiences and how people treat them.

Provide good services



We want people with disability to have good services that:

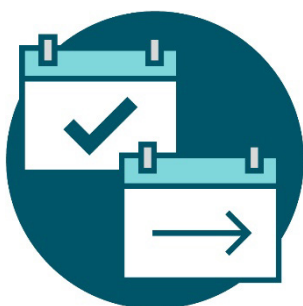
- work well
- are safe.



We want to help create services that anyone with disability can find and use.

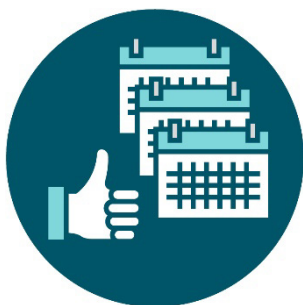
This includes services inside and outside the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Build trust with the disability community



We want people with disability to trust that they can use the supports and services they need:

- now
- in the future.



We also want these services to work well for a long time.

How we will work with the disability community



We will work with the disability community to achieve our goals.

The disability community includes:



- people with disability



- families and carers



- disability organisations



- people who speak up for people with disability.



We will ask the disability community to take part in different activities to share their ideas.



This includes activities to share their ideas about the new NDIS rules.



We will run workshops, community events and online surveys.



You can subscribe to our newsletter to learn more about how to have your say.

www.engage.dss.gov.au/subscribe-for-updates-to-the-ndis-reforms



We will also work with the **National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)** to make sure that people's ideas help improve disability services.

The NDIA runs the NDIS.

How we will achieve our goals



We are working on different actions to help us achieve our goals.

We explain our work on each of these actions on the following pages.

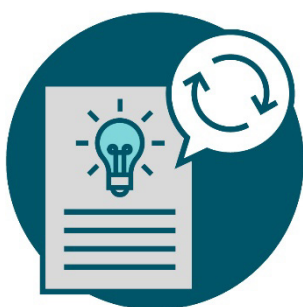
The Disability Royal Commission



The **Disability Royal Commission** looked into problems people with disability have experienced.

It helped the Australian Government find out:

- what went wrong
- what we need to improve.



The Disability Royal Commission shared ideas about what governments and services can change.

These ideas are called **recommendations**.



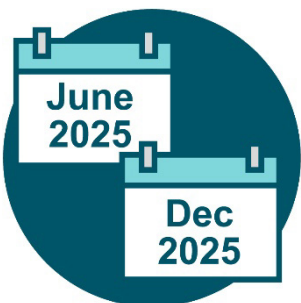
In **July 2024**, we shared our responses to the Disability Royal Commission's recommendations.



Our responses show what we will do to achieve the recommendations.



We will work with the disability community while we do this work.



We will also update the community about how we are achieving the recommendations in:

- June 2025
- December 2025.

The NDIS Review



A group of people separate to the Australian Government checked the NDIS to find out what:

- worked well
- could be better.

This was called the **NDIS Review**.



From **July** to **December 2024**, disability **ministers** are looking at the recommendations from the NDIS Review.

A minister leads an area of government.



In **December 2024**, we will share our response to the recommendations.



In **2025**, we will make plans and start to put changes from the recommendations in place.



We will work with the disability community while we do this work.

The NDIS laws and rules



The **NDIS Act** is a law that explains how the NDIS should work.



We have changed this law to make the NDIS work better.



From 3 October 2024, we will start using the updated NDIS Act.



The updated NDIS Act will support us to make better rules for the NDIS.



In **2024** and **2025**, we will work with the disability community to do this work.



We will also share what these rules mean for everyone.

Foundational Supports Strategy



We will work together to create a plan called the Foundational Supports Strategy.



It will explain how we will provide more supports to all people with disability.

This includes people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



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From **2025**, people will be able to find and use these supports.

Australia's Disability Strategy

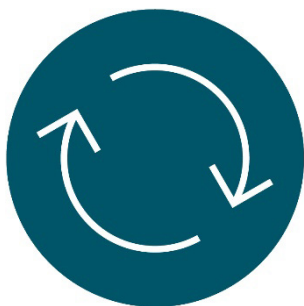


Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS) is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.

From **August** to **September 2024**, we are checking the ADS to find out what:



- works well



- needs to change.



From **2024** to **2025**, all governments will check their disability inclusion plans.



They will make sure their plans follow the ADS goals.



In **July 2025**, we will check more parts of the ADS.



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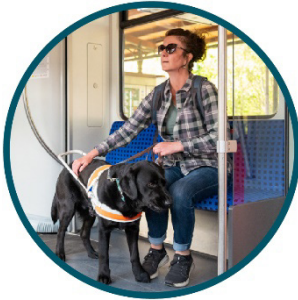


In **2026**, we will share reports about:

- what we have done
- what we found out
- what we will do next.

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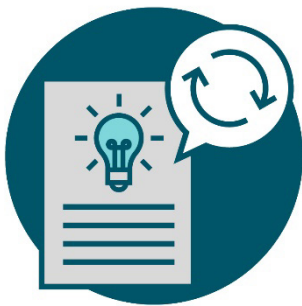
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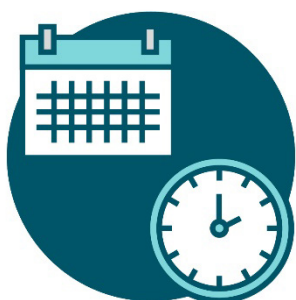
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- equally.

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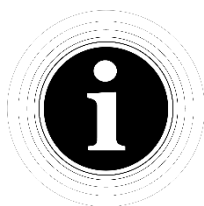
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