

# Disability Advocacy Work Plan 2023 to 2025

Consultation





**Australian Government**

All governments worked together on this.

When you see the word **we** it means

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

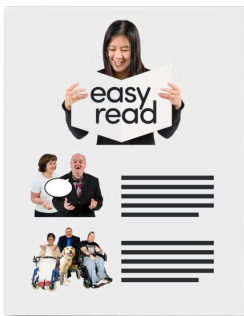
**Bold**

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

Not bold

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



You can go to our website to look at the document.

[www.dss.gov.au/national-disability-advocacy-framework](http://www.dss.gov.au/national-disability-advocacy-framework)

You can ask for help to read this document.



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 our Work Plan



We wrote the National Disability Advocacy Framework 2023 to 2025.

We call it the Framework for short.



The Framework is about disability **advocacy**.

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



Disability advocacy supports people with disability to take part in

- Decisions about them



- The community



- Services and support.



The Framework also has information about disability advocacy services.



Disability advocacy services

- Support you
- Help you to have your say
- Give you information and advice.



The Framework will help the government work together to make advocacy services better.

That is

- Australian Government
- State and territory governments.



To help us reach our **goals** in the Framework we made the **Disability Advocacy Work Plan 2023 to 2025**.

We call it the Work Plan for short.



Goals are things you want to do.

The Work Plan says how we will reach the goals in the Framework.

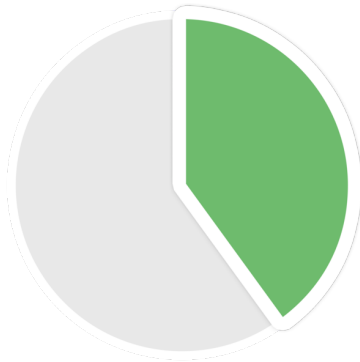


Governments can choose what parts of the Work Plan they want to work on.

# How we updated the Framework and Work Plan



We worked with the disability community to update the Framework and Work Plan in 2022.



Almost half of the people who took part were people with disability.



Other people we heard from were

- Their families and carers



- Organisations that work with people with disability.



# What the community told us



The community helped us make the goals in the Framework.



They said we need to work with people with disability to reach our goals.

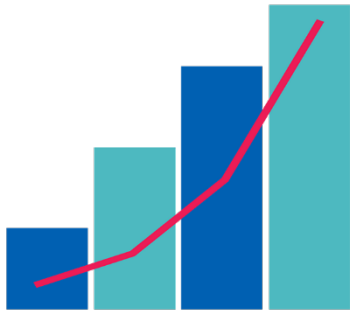


They said we need to be able to

- Tell people how we are reaching our goals



- Collect **data** about our goals.



## Data is

- Facts
- Information
- Records.



This will help us check that we are reaching our goals.



The disability community told us we need to use **evidence** to check how disability advocacy changes.

Evidence is proof that something is true.



They told us funding from the governments should

- Be fair
- Think about what everyone needs.



They also said governments should

- Give more funding for disability advocacy
- Make sure the funding lasts longer.



The disability community said that disability advocacy should support more people with disability to

- Have more choice and control



- Make their own decisions.



They said it is important that people with disability from certain groups can easily

- Find
- Use

Advocacy services.



Advocacy services should support these groups to

- Have more choice



- Make their own decisions.

These groups include



- First Nations peoples



- People who live far away from cities or towns



- People who need support for more than one thing in their life.

Like

- They have a disability
- They speak other languages.



It is important that disability advocacy gives support to everyone who needs it.

# Research about disability advocacy services



We asked an organisation called ASK Insight to do research for us in March 2020.

Research means

- Finding out what people think about things
- Using the information to help others.



We wanted to find out about disability advocacy in Australia.



They finished their research in December 2020.



You can look at the report on our website.

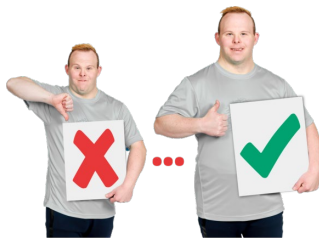
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There is an Easy Read of the report.



ASK Insight told us that we should update our Framework and make sure governments work

- Together
- To make disability advocacy better.



We updated our Framework based on their research.



We also created our Work Plan.

# Work areas



Our Work Plan has areas we want to focus on.

We call them our work areas.



We have 6 work areas.

They support the Framework.



Our work areas will help us collect evidence about disability advocacy in Australia.

The evidence will help us make disability advocacy better.



You can read more about our work areas on our website.

[www.dss.gov.au/national-disability-advocacy-framework/resource/disability-advocacy-work-plan](http://www.dss.gov.au/national-disability-advocacy-framework/resource/disability-advocacy-work-plan)





You can read the updates for the Work Plan.

It is on our website.

It is in Easy Read.

# Working with the community in the future



We want to work with people with disability when we do things that affect them.



This includes making

- Programs



- Policies.



We will keep working with people with disability while we use the Work Plan.



We will also work with **advisory councils**.

An advisory council is a group of people who know a lot about something.

Like the ADS Advisory Council.



We will also work with organisations that provide disability advocacy.

This includes Disability Representative Organisations.

We call them DROs for short.

# Working with the ADS



Creating an inclusive community together

Our Framework and Work Plan work with ADS.

The government set up ADS.



ADS 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.



Disability advocacy is an important part of ADS.

It is part of the rights to fair treatment and safety section.



You can go to the Disability Gateway website to look at ADS

[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/easy-read-strategy](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/easy-read-strategy)

# Working with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap



Our Framework and Work Plan work with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.



The National Agreement on Closing the Gap says how we can support First Nations peoples.



This includes First Nations peoples with disability.

# Working with the Disability Sector

## Strengthening Plan



Our Framework and Work Plan work with the **Disability Sector Strengthening Plan**.

We call it the Disability SSP for short.



The Disability SSP is a plan to make sure people have the right skills to support First Nations peoples with disability.