Fact Sheet

Help shape the National Disability Strategy beyond 2020

Help us shape the next national disability strategy.

Australian governments are consulting on the national disability strategy for beyond 2020. Go to <u>engage.dss.gov.au</u> for more information and to participate.

There are more than four million people with disability and more than two million people who care for someone with disability in Australia.

The National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (the Strategy) is about creating a more inclusive society. It guides governments and other organisations to build the wellbeing of people with disability and their carers.

The Strategy is also the main way Australia implements the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, making sure people with disability can participate in all areas of Australian life and fulfil their potential as equal citizens.

The Strategy is a shared commitment by all governments to work together to improve the lives of Australians with disability, their families and carers.

An <u>independent review</u> into how the Strategy works has been completed. The review showed that while some things are working well and progress has been made, there is still room for improvement.

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At the end of 2020 the current Strategy will end. All Australian governments are working together to develop a new strategy for 2020 and beyond.

This is your opportunity to help shape the new strategy.

The strategy is for all Australians and we encourage everyone to have their say on the priorities and actions of the next strategy.

What we would like to know

We would like to know:

- What's important to people with disability, their families and carers now and for the next 10 years.
- What issues people with disability are still facing.
- Whether there have been changes in community attitudes towards people with disability.
- How we can make sure the next strategy leads action and improves outcomes for people with disability.
- How implementation can be improved such as through stronger measurements and more effective reporting.

Other Considerations

We will also be considering:

- How things have changed for people with disability since the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) started to roll out.
- The Productivity Commission review of the National Disability Agreement; an agreement between the Commonwealth and all states and territories, and how it fits with the Strategy.
- The Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

Have your say

The first stage of consultation takes place between **April and June 2019**. You can have your say through:

- an open public survey
- community forums in every state and territory
- online forums.

To find out more, or register for a community forum, visit <u>engage.dss.gov.au</u>