

Help shape the next National Disability Strategy

Fact sheet



Easy Read version

How to use this fact sheet

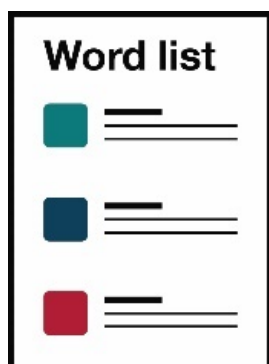


The Australian Government wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the Australian Government.



We have written this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



We have written some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 13.



You can ask for help to read this document. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

What is the National Disability Strategy?

In Australia there are more than:

4 million

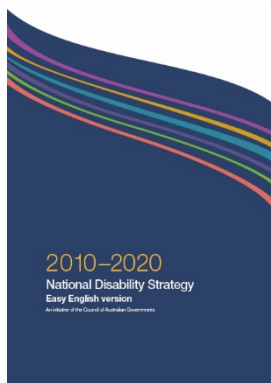


- 4 million people with disability

2 million

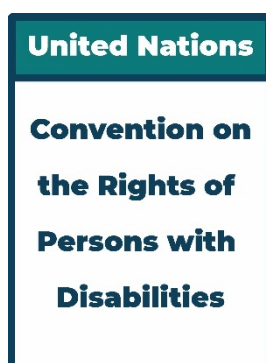


- 2 million people who care for someone with disability.



The National Disability Strategy 2010–2020 is a plan for improving the lives of people with disability.

In this document we call it ‘the Strategy’.



The Strategy is based on ideas that are in the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (UN Convention).



The UN Convention is an international agreement.

It applies all around the world.



The UN Convention sets out the rights of people with disability.

It explains how people with disability should be treated fairly.



The Strategy talks about what we can do to make Australia more:

- **inclusive**
- **accessible.**



If something is inclusive, everyone can take part.



If something is accessible, everyone can use it. This might be:

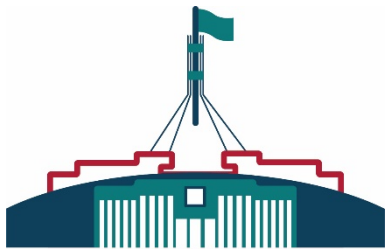
- a place or a building
- transport
- a service
- information
- a website.

Who uses the National Disability Strategy?



The Strategy is for all Australians.

It is used by all the governments in Australia, including:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.

A new national disability strategy



In 2020, the Strategy will end.



Some things in the Strategy have worked well.



There are other things in the Strategy that we could do better.



Governments across Australia
are working together to develop
a new strategy.



We want your help to develop the
new strategy.



We explain how you can have your say
on page 12.

What we want to know



We want you to tell us your ideas about what should be in the new strategy.



We want to know what is important to:

- people with disability
- families
- carers.



We want to know what:

- is important now
- will be important over the next 10 years.

We also want to know:



- what issues people with disability face



- how the way the community thinks about people with disability has changed



- how our plans can change when we better understand what people with disability:
 - experience
 - need



- how governments can think about the way their plans affect people with disability



- how the new strategy can make life better for people with disability.

Have your say



We will be talking to people across Australia from April to June 2019.

You can have your say by:



- filling out a survey



- taking part in a community forum



- taking part in an online forum.



You can visit the website to get more information.

www.engage.dss.gov.au

Word list



Accessible

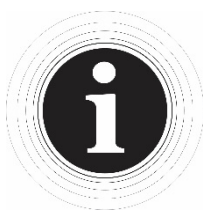
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Inclusive

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