

# A new National Disability Strategy

## What should be in it?

Questions for you to think about



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We explain what these words mean.

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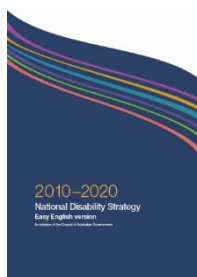


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# What is the National Disability Strategy?



The *National Disability Strategy 2010–2020* is a plan to make the lives of people with disability better.

In this document we call it ‘the Strategy’.



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.



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



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

It explains how people with disability should be treated fairly.

## A new National Disability Strategy



In 2020, the Strategy will end.



A lot has changed since the Strategy started.



We have the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) now.



The NDIS provides services and support to many people with disability.

A lot of Australians have been affected by:



- coronavirus (COVID-19)



- the 2019–2020 bushfire season.



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



We want to know what people think should be in the new strategy.

We know the new strategy must:



- keep following what the UN Convention says



- recognise carers.

## Talking to the community about the new strategy



We started talking to people with disability in the community about the new strategy in 2019.



We want to know what people think should be in the new strategy.



What you tell us will help us make the new strategy.



# Our position paper

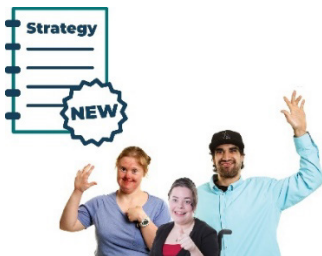


We wrote a **position paper**.



A position paper is a summary of what might be in the new strategy.

Our position paper includes:



- what the disability sector told us should be in the new strategy



- what worked well from the Strategy we have now



- ideas about how to change community **attitudes** towards people with disability.



Attitudes are what you:

- think
- feel
- believe.

## Ideas from the Strategy we have now



The Strategy has 6 ideas to make life better for people with disability.

We call these **outcome areas**.

The Strategy's 6 outcome areas are:



1. Work, money and housing



2. Taking part in the community



3. Our rights for fair treatment and safety



4. Getting support



5. Learning and skills

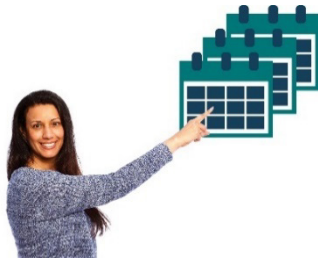


6. Health and wellbeing

## Our vision for the new strategy



We also have a **vision** for the new strategy.



Our vision is what we think the future should be like.

Our vision is for Australia to be a place where people with disability:



- are included



- can live the life they want to live



- are treated the same as other people in the community.

## Questions to think about



What do you think about the 6 outcome areas?



What do you think about our vision?

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## Ideas for a new strategy



Our **guiding principles** are important ideas we want to put in the new strategy.



These ideas say we must:

- include people with disability
- have ways for people with disability to take part
- use **universal design**.



Universal Design means we think about what everybody needs when we plan or start new projects and services.



We must take away the barriers people with disability face.



We must include the wider community in the work we do.

We must help the people who support and care for people with disability, such as:



- family members
- carers
- support workers
- service providers.

## Questions to think about



What do you think about our guiding principles?



Are there other important ideas we should put in the new strategy?



How could we make sure everyone follows our guiding principles?

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## Looking at community attitudes



Community attitudes can stop people with disability from reaching their goals.



This includes goals they have for:

- going to school and learning
- working and earning money
- taking part in the community.



People with disability told us community attitudes are 1 of the biggest barriers they face when they try to reach their goals.



## Questions to think about



Should we make changing community attitudes an important goal for the strategy?



Should we include ideas about changing community attitudes in the new strategy?

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# Making sure everyone knows what to do



The new strategy must be clear so everyone knows what they must do.



This includes:

- governments
- the disability sector
- the wider community.

The new strategy will clearly explain:



- what governments must do



- how governments will support people with disability



- how much governments will take part in managing services for people with disability



- what the disability sector must do



- what the community must do.

## Questions to think about



Do you think governments, organisations and the community work well together to make life better for people with disability?



What should be in the new strategy to show how the disability sector and the wider community can make life better for people with disability?

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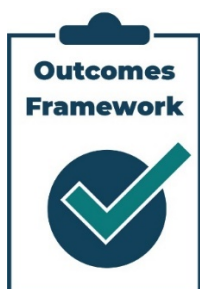
## People with disability reaching their goals



People with disability set goals in many areas of their life.



We know the strategy is working if people with disability are reaching these goals.



We want to include an **outcomes framework** in the new strategy.

An outcomes framework is a way to keep track of:



- if people with disability have reached their goals
- how we know people with disability have reached their goals
- changes over time.



For example, how many people with disability reached their goals to

- find a job
- earn their own money.



We could use an outcomes framework to help us write reports.



Our reports could talk about whether things are getting better for people with disability or not.



Our reports could also talk about:

- how well the new strategy is working
- areas that need more work.

## Questions to think about



What should we write about in our reports?



How often do you think we should:

- write our reports, for example every 1 or 2 years?
- share our reports with the community?

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## Action plans



We can write action plans to help:

- governments
- the disability sector
- the wider community.

Our action plans would help:



- everyone understand exactly what they must do
- the new strategy make a big difference for people with disability.

Our action plans would talk about:



- what we will do to make things better
- how long it should take to make things better.

## Questions to think about



What do you think about action plans?



Should we include actions plans in the new strategy?

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## Including people with disability



We want to write a plan that talks about how people with disability will be part of making sure the strategy works.

### Questions to think about



How can we include people with disability in making sure the new strategy works?



How can we include the disability sector in making sure the new strategy works?

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## Other things to think about



Do you have any other thoughts or ideas about what might be in the new strategy?

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## Questions about you

Are you answering our questions:



☐ just for yourself?



☐ for an organisation?



If you are answering our questions for an organisation, please tell us which one:

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Which of these sentences is true about you?



☐ I'm a person with disability.



☐ I'm the parent or guardian of a person with disability.



☐ I'm a family member of a person with disability.



☐ I'm a carer for a person with disability.



☐ I'm a support worker.



☐ I work with people with disability.



☐ I'm a disability advocate.



- ☐ I work for a disability organisation or a service provider.



- ☐ I employ people with disability.



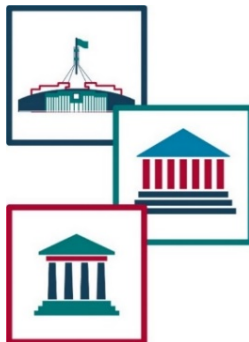
- ☐ I'm a business owner.



- ☐ I'm a health care worker.



- ☐ I study or work at a university.



- ☐ I work for a government, such as:
  - the Australian Government
  - a state or territory government
  - a local government.

Other, please tell us:

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Which state or territory do you live in?



☐ Australian Capital Territory



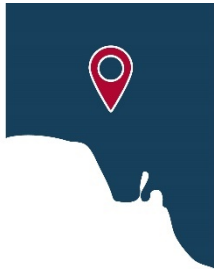
☐ New South Wales



☐ Northern Territory



☐ Queensland



☐ South Australia



☐ Tasmania



☐ Victoria



☐ Western Australia



☐ I don't live in Australia



☐ I don't want to say

What type of place do you live in?



☐ A capital city



☐ A big city or town



☐ A small town or an area far away  
from a big city or town



☐ I don't want to say



Are you part of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community?



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I don't want to say



Are you from a different **culture**?



Your culture is:

- your way of life
- the way you think or act because of the way you grew up.



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I don't want to say





Do you speak a language other than English most of the time?



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I don't want to say



Are you part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex (LGBTQI+) community?



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I don't want to say

## How you can tell us your answers



You can answer our questions in writing.



You can send us your answers in the mail.

National Disability Strategy Governance  
and Engagement Section

GPO Box 9820

Department of Social Services

Canberra, ACT 2601



You can go to our website and answer  
our questions.

**[www.engage.dss.gov.au](http://www.engage.dss.gov.au)**



You can make an audio recording of  
your answers.



You can make a video recording of  
your answers.



You can go to our website and upload your:

- audio recording
- video recording.



You need to send us your answers by 30 September 2020.



We might share your answers on our website.



You must tell us if you don't want us to share your answers.

## Word list



### Accessible

If something is accessible, everyone can use it.

This might be:

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



### Advocate

A person who supports you. They help you have your say. They can also give you information and advice.



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## Guiding principles

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## Outcome areas

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## Universal Design

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## Vision

Our vision is what we want the new strategy to help make better in the future.

## Contact us



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