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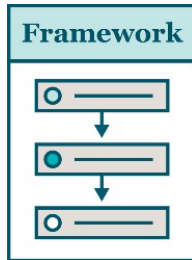
Draft National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022–2025

We want to know what you think

An Easy Read guide



How to use this guide



A **framework** explains how things should work.



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this guide. When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We have written some 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 18.



This Easy Read guide is a summary of another document. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find more information about our Framework on our website at www.engage.dss.gov.au



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



This guide is quite long.
It includes a lot of information.



You don't need to read it all at once.

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What is this guide about?



We wrote the National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022–2025.

We call it our Framework.



Our Framework is about **disability advocacy**.

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



Rights are rules about how everybody should be treated:

- fairly
- equally
- with respect.

Our Framework is also about **advocacy services**.



Advocacy services:

- support you
- help you have your say
- give you information and advice.

What we want Australia to be in the future

We want people with disability to find and use disability advocacy that:



- supports them



- protects them



- helps them take part in the community.

We also want people with disability to find and use disability advocacy that makes sure they are treated:



- fairly
- equally
- with respect.

Our principles



Principles are important ideas that we should always think about.



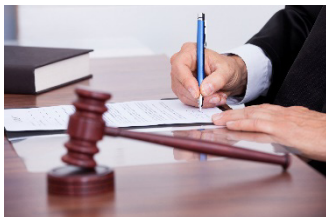
Our framework has 8 principles.



1. Rights and making decisions



2. Safety



3. Justice



4. Getting support



5. **Inclusive** communities

When something is inclusive, everyone can take part.



6. Listening to people with disability



7. Respecting different experiences



8. Working with **First Nations** peoples

First Nations peoples are also known as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our principles help us:



- make sure people with disability are treated fairly



- think about why advocacy services are important.

How to tell us what you think



We want to know what you think about our Framework.



You can send us a document or recording that explains:



- your experience
- an idea you have.

We want the community to tell us what they think, including:



- people with disability



- people who use disability advocacy.



You can tell us what you think on our website.

www.engage.dss.gov.au



You can send us an email.

disabilityadvocacysecretariat@dss.gov.au



You can send us a letter.

Disability Advocacy Policy

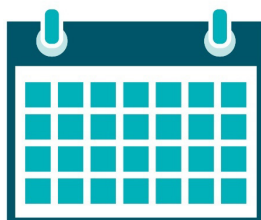
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Please tell us if we can share your answers.



You must tell us what you think before Friday

8 July 2022.

What should you tell us about?

We want to know what you think about:



- our Framework's principles

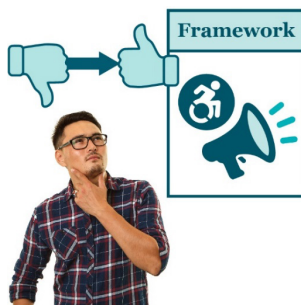


- the important goals we want to reach.

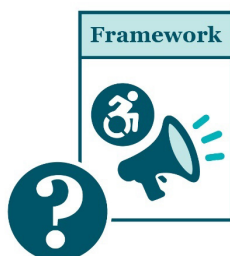
We also want to know what you think about what:



- works well in our Framework



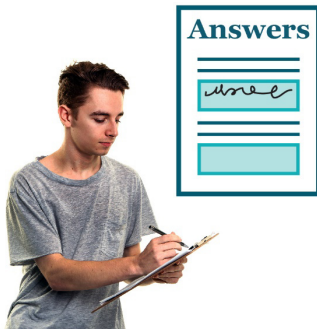
- can be better in our Framework



- is missing in our Framework.



We have a list of questions for you to think about.



You don't have to answer all of them.

They are a guide to help you tell us what you think.



If you need support to answer our questions,
you can send us an email.

disabilityadvocacysecretariat@dss.gov.au

Questions to think about

Question 1



Does our Framework include everything you think disability advocacy is about?

If you don't think so, what do we need to change?

Please share your answer in the box below.




Question 2



Will our principles work well to help disability advocacy deliver good services?

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Question 3



Will our goals work well?

Which goals are most important to you?

What goals are missing?

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Question 4



Will the way we want to reach our goals work well?

Are there other ways we can reach our goals?

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Question 5




Does our Framework talk about what we need to do for people with disability:

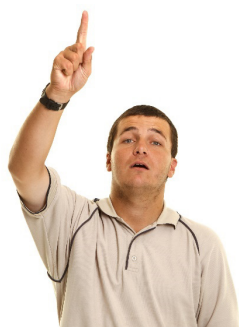
- now?
- in the future?

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Question 6



Do you have anything else to share about our Framework?

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What happens next?

We will:



- look at your ideas



- use them in the final plan.



We will give our final plan to the **minister** for disability in each state and territory.



A minister leads an area of the government.



All the ministers for disability will agree to the Framework.



Then we will share the Framework on our website.

Word list

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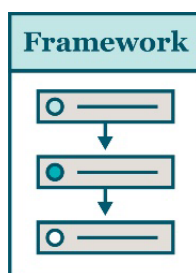
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