



Australian Government

National Autism Strategy

Help shape the change.

A National Autism Strategy is being developed to help autistic people across Australia live the lives they want and deserve.

Autistic people and their families will be able to have their say on what they think should be in a National Autism Strategy when consultations begin later in 2023.



Why it is important

It can be very hard for autistic people and their families to get the help they need. This can include:



accessing healthcare like seeing a doctor or other health professional



support at school or university



job opportunities.



A new National Autism Strategy will provide a coordinated, national approach to how governments and services can better support autistic people and their families.

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How it will be developed

The Government will be listening carefully to:

- **autistic people and their families**
- **the autism sector**
- **health professionals**
- **researchers.**



This is the first step to deciding what goes in a National Autism Strategy. People will be invited to share their ideas, thoughts and experiences.

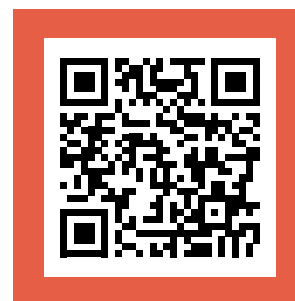
An Oversight Council, with an autistic co-chair and a majority of autistic members, will guide the development of the Strategy. They will help the government make sure autistic people can say what they think the Strategy should include.

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There will be opportunities for people to be involved in the development of the Strategy when the consultation process begins later in 2023.

Find out more about the National Autism Strategy and how you can be involved at:

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