



National
Disability
Data Asset



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Have your say on one of our Panels

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this document for the National Disability Data Asset team.

When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

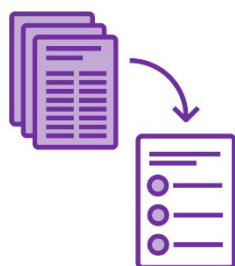
Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **16**.



This document is a summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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About the National Disability Data Asset



The National Disability Data Asset is a new way to link **data** about people with disability.

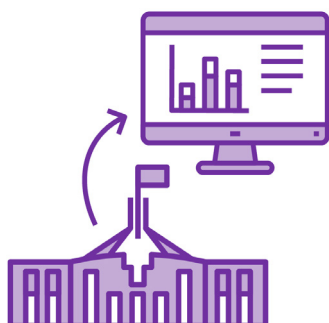


In this document we call it the data asset.



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The data asset will get data about people from different parts of the government.

This includes data about people with disability.



It will help us better understand the experiences of people with disability.



It will also give us more information about what the government is doing.

About the Panels



A **Panel** is a group of people that talk about important ideas.



We are creating **2** Panels that will give advice on the data asset.



People on a Panel will provide support to the National Disability Data Asset Council.

We call it the Council.



The Council will make sure people are using the data asset in the right way.

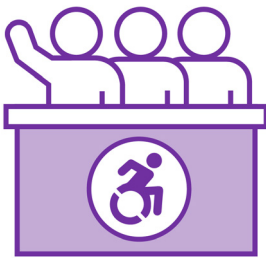


One of the Panels is the Disability Data Development **Scoping** Panel.



Scoping is when you look into an idea to:

- understand it better
- find out what you need to do.



The other Panel is the Disability-informed **Ethical** Oversight Panel.



Being ethical is about doing the right thing and having strong **values**.



Our values are the things:

- we believe
- that are important to us.

The Disability Data Development Scoping Panel



This Panel will give ideas for what other Panels could work on until the end of 2025.

For example, this Panel could give ideas about:



- what data is missing



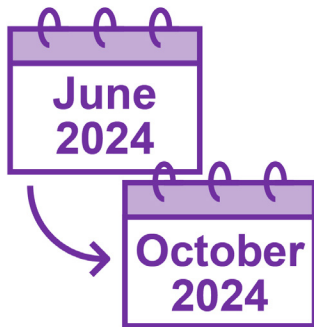
- what data to focus on first.



Then they will write a report about these ideas.



Members of the Disability Data Development Scoping Panel will meet online.



The meetings will:

- start in June 2024
- end in October 2024.

The Panel will have **10** members, including:



- **4** researchers



- **6** people with disability.

The Disability-informed Ethical Oversight Panel



This Panel will look at how people plan to use data in the data asset.

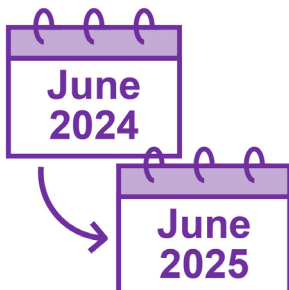
The data will be about people with disability.



This Panel will look at plans and tell us if they think these plans are ethical.



Members of this Panel will meet online.



The meetings will:

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- end in June 2025.

The Panel will have **5** members, including people with disability who know a lot about:



- how to use data in an ethical way for research



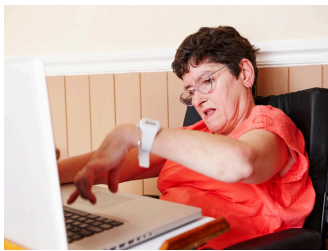
- **human rights.**



Human rights are rules about how everybody should be treated:

- fairly
- equally.

Apply to join a Panel



You can apply to join one of these Panels.

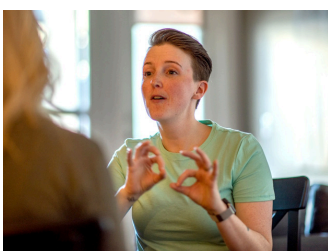


We are looking for people who are passionate about improving the lives of people with disability.



We will pay people for the work they do for a Panel if they don't work for the government.

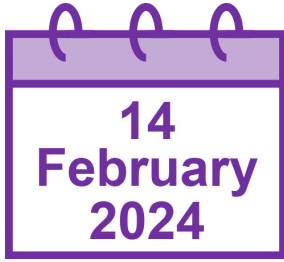
When people apply to join a Panel, we can provide information:



- in Auslan



- with **captions** – when the words someone says appear on the screen.



We will hold an information session on 14 February 2024.



The information session will happen on Microsoft Teams.



People who are on the Panel can have their support person with them for the information session.



We can also make **adjustments** for people who are on the Panel.

An adjustment is when something changes so a person can join in.

For example:



- people can bring a support person

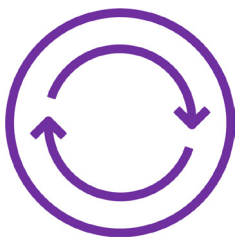


- we can provide information in Easy Read.

Adjustments can also include:



- doing things in new ways



- changing things.



Please apply for either of the Panels through the DSS Engage website.

<https://engage.dss.gov.au/national-disability-data-asset-planned-panels-expressions-of-interest>



Applications will close at **7 pm** on **29 February 2024** Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

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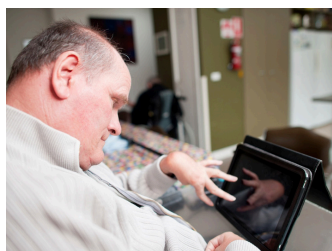


Values

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Contact us



You can contact us if you need more information about the opportunities to join our Panels.



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