



Australian Government

National Autism Strategy

Help shape the change.

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The Draft National Autism Strategy will be released for public consultation in early 2024. A final version will be released at the end of 2024.

The Draft Strategy contains:

- The **long-term vision** - an ambitious statement outlining what the National Autism Strategy is seeking to achieve.
- **Outcome areas** - areas of focus for the Strategy.
- **Commitments** - these are the high-level commitments the Strategy will deliver on.

1st Action Plan: Short term (i.e. the first year)

A one-year plan aimed at building a solid foundation.

Includes: short-term actions

2nd Action Plan: Medium term (the next few years)

A three-year plan focusing on Specific actions or activities which achieve Commitments.

Builds on 1st Action Plan and includes medium-term actions

3rd Action Plan: Longer term (longer term actions)

A three-year plan to achieve Commitments.

Builds on 1st and 2nd Action Plans and includes long-term actions

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Continual engagement with Autistic people and the community including governance arrangements, public consultation opportunities to contribute to Action Plans and in evaluations.



Theory of change

How and why actions will lead to improved life outcomes for Autistic Australians.

- The Commitments and actions in the Action Plans need to be clear on the issue they are trying to address and what actions will work to make a difference.



Evaluation Framework

Outlines the method and timeline for evaluations.

- The evaluations will occur towards the end of each Action Plan to inform the development of the next Action Plan.
- A full evaluation will occur at the end of the Strategy.
- The Autistic and autism community and sector will be re-engaged in evaluations to inform if change is being achieved.



Monitoring and reporting

Measure progress towards the vision and outcomes.

- This will be done on a regular basis to measure the implementation and progress against the Action Plans.

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*This is a draft Strategy and not yet agreed by Government. The final Strategy will be considered by Government in late 2024.