Community and stakeholder engagement to develop the Strategy

The below graphic demonstrates the journey so far to develop the National Autism Strategy.

## 2019

### Autism community calls for a National Autism Strategy

**November**

[Senate Select Committee on Autism](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Autism/autism) established

## 2022

**March**

Senate Select Committee [Report](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Autism/autism/Report) released

**October**

[Government commits](https://ministers.dss.gov.au/media-releases/9521) to develop the National Autism Strategy

**December**

[Government response](https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/news/65536#:~:text=The%20Government%20is%20committed%20to,of%20a%20National%20Autism%20Strategy) to Senate Select Committee Report Autism Strategy

## 2023

### National Autism Strategy planning and preparation

**October 2022 – June 2023**

Autism CRC conduct initial research and co-design to help develop an inclusive consultation process to inform the Strategy

**May**

Oversight Council established

**May – June**

Disability representative organisations develop policy papers to inform strategy

**September**

Working groups established and stating to meet

### Community engagement: understanding issues and solutions for a National Autism Strategy

**September – November**

* Discussion paper released: presenting the key issues and questions for community engagement
* Submission process open with guided questions
* Sector workshops and meetings
* Public webinar
* Online Ideas wall
* Community conversation forums in 15 locations and online covering all states and territories
* Focus groups with priority population and intersectional groups
* Oversight Council co-design Strategy through Working Groups covering key priorities

### External reports released

**September**

[Royal Commission](https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/) into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability report released

**October**

[NDIS Review](https://www.ndisreview.gov.au/) report released

## 2024

### Draft Strategy: Test and validate

**April**

* Release draft of the National Autism Strategy for public comment
* [Survey](http://www.dss.gov.au/national-autism-strategy) to help shape and refine the final Strategy

### National Autism Strategy finalised and implementation

**Late 2024**

Final strategy released

**2024 – ongoing**

Continued opportunities for deep engagement to develop Action Plans

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