



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](#) established

2022

March Senate Select Committee [Report](#) released

October [Government commits](#) to develop the National Autism Strategy

December [Government response](#) 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 starting 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](#) into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability report released

October [NDIS Review](#) report released

2024

Draft Strategy: Test and validate

- April
- Release draft of the National Autism Strategy for public comment
 - [Survey](#) 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.