



Australian Government

National Autism Strategy

Help shape the change.



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

The infographic demonstrates how insights from Autistic people and the autism community have and will continue to inform the Strategy and its supporting Action Plans.

2019 Senate Select Committee on Autism

Initial reports and ongoing advice from Disability Representative Organisations

Autism CRC initial research and co-design

On-going advice and input from the Oversight Council and supporting working groups



public submissions and guided questionnaires



an online discussion board / ideas wall



a webinar

National public engagement process (September to November 2023) with input from over 2,000 people and organisations across the country, through:



open community forums
Autistic voices discussion forums



targeted focus groups and stakeholder meetings
First Nations discussions



in-depth interviews with individuals and families.

National Autism Strategy

provides a framework and sets out long term vision, guiding principles, and Commitments

Three Action Plans will provide the detail and organise and track activities to achieve Commitments.

1st Action Plan:

Short term
(i.e. the first year)

Building a solid foundation.
Includes short-term actions.

2nd Action Plan:

Medium term
(the next few years)

Specific actions to achieve Commitments.
Builds on 1st Action Plan and includes medium-term actions.

3rd Action Plan:

Longer term
(longer term actions)

Specific actions to achieve Commitments.
Builds on 1st and 2nd Action Plans and includes long-term actions.



Additional supporting resources that will support the roll out of the National Autism Strategy including Governance Framework, Evidence Framework, Outcomes Measurement Framework and Evaluation Framework.

You can read more about the journey to develop the National Autism Strategy and the consultation report on the DSS website. [Subscribe](#) to be kept updated on the development of the National Autism Strategy.

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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.