# About becoming the Chair of the National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) Board

Do you want to lead the NDRP Board?

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When you see the word ‘we’, it means DSS.

We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **9**.

This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.

You can find the other document on our website.

[www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi](http://www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi)

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 this document

The National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) is an organisation that supports research programs:

* about disability
* that people with disability run.

The **NDRP Board** is the group of people who run the NDRP.

We are looking for someone to be the Chair of the NDRP Board.

The Chair is the person who will lead the NDRP Board.

This document explains:

* what the Chair will do
* how to apply to be the Chair.

## Who we are looking for

We are looking for a person with disability to be the new Chair of the NDRP Board.

We want this person to have experience running organisations that help the community.

These organisations could be:

* government organisations
* **not-for-profit** organisations.

A not-for-profit organisation doesn’t run their business to make money.

They run their business to help other people.

But this person must not still be working for:

* the Australian Government
* any state or territory government.

We also want this person to understand research.

This includes:

* the sorts of things that research can do
* the ways people and organisations can use research.

This person must also not be banned from running an organisation that helps the community.

This person must be at least 18 years old.

## What the Chair of the NDRP Board will do

### Leading the NDRP Board

The Chair will lead the NDRP Board.

They will make sure the NDRP Board can:

* get information quickly
* share information quickly.

They will also lead the NDRP Board meetings.

They will pass information between:

* the NDRP Board
* the NDRP staff
* the people and organisations who the NDRP affects.

### The NDRP principles

The Chair will work with the NDRP Board to support the NDRP **principles**.

This includes making sure everyone who works at the NDRP follows the principles.

Principles are important ideas we believe are true and important.

You can read the NDRP principles on the NDRP website.

[www.ndrp.org.au/principles](http://www.ndrp.org.au/principles)

### Leading the NDRP

The Chair will work to make sure the NDRP achieves its goals.

The Chair will also:

* check the work that the NDRP is doing
* work with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – the leader of the NDRP who is not on the NDRP Board.

They will also speak for the NDRP:

* in the community
* in meetings with the people and organisations who the NDRP affects.

The Chair will also support people on the NDRP Board to:

* share their ideas
* listen to other people’s ideas
* communicate in a clear way.

They will make sure the NDRP Board has enough information to understand:

* how well the NDRP is using its money
* how well the NDRP is working to reach its goals
* any problems the NDRP could face
* what the NDRP can do.

The Chair will get paid for their time.

## How we will decide who to choose

**Australia’s Disability Strategy Advisory Council (the Council)** will check all the people who apply to be the Chair of the NDRP Board.

The Council gives advice about Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021–2031.

They are a group of people who help the government understand what people with disability need.

Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021–2031 is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.

You can learn more about the Council on the Disability Gateway website.

[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/ advisory-council](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads/advisory-council)

The Council will make a list of people they think could be the Chair of the NDRP Board.

They will share this list with the Honourable Amanda Rishworth MP.

Amanda is the **Minister** for Social Services.

A minister leads an area of the government.

Amanda will choose someone from this list to be the Chair of the NDRP.

We will follow the rules about how to collect and share your information with:

* ministers
* the Council.

You can find these rules on our website.

[www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi](http://www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi)

## How to apply to be the Chair of the NDRP Board

You can visit our website to apply to be the Chair of the NDRP Board.

[www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi](http://www.engage.dss.gov.au/ndrp-eoi)

You can also email the person who helps and manages the Council if you need support to apply.

[ADSAdvisoryCouncil@dss.gov.au](mailto:ADSAdvisoryCouncil@dss.gov.au)

You can get **accessible** materials to support you to:

* apply for the Chair of the NDRP Board
* run the NDRP Board.

When information is accessible, it is easy to:

* find and use
* understand.

This also includes making sure places where you do work for the NDRP are:

* accessible
* easy for you to move around in.

## More information

You can visit the NDRP website for more information.

They also have information in Auslan and Easy Read.

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