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an inclusive
community
together

ADS Review

Video 1: About Australia's Disability Strategy

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About Australia's Disability Strategy

Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 (ADS) is Australia's national disability policy framework that was launched on 3 December 2021.

ADS reflects our shared, national commitment to an inclusive society that ensures the more than one in five Australians with disability can fulfil their potential, as equal members of the community.

ADS sets out our plan for continuing to improve the lives of people with disability in Australia.

ADS sets out priorities for governments at all levels to drive change to uphold the rights, inclusion and participation of people with disability in all areas of Australian life.

We understand, however, there is more work to be done to improve ADS.

Review context

The conclusion of inquiry by the Disability Royal Commission and the release of its Final Report marks a pivotal turning point for disability reform in Australia.



The Disability Royal Commission's Final Report was released on 29 September 2023.

The Disability Royal Commission made 222 recommendations, including recommendations directed at ADS.

The Final Report recommended governments review and update ADS by the end of 2024.

The vision of ADS is for an inclusive Australian society that ensures people with disability can fulfil their potential, as equal members of the community.

To make this a reality, we need to make sure ADS is working as planned, and if there are new things that should be part of ADS.

We have started making a draft Review Report, including draft Findings and Recommendations.

Our draft Findings and Recommendations identify where we can make practical changes to ADS implementation mechanisms, to improve the processes and governance of ADS.

The draft Review Report has drawn on a variety of sources, including feedback received from ADS Advisory Council, Disability Representative Organisations (DROs), people with disability, and their carers and support networks since the launch of ADS.

Through this work, we have also identified a set of topics we think are the most important to people with disability, related to ADS Outcome Areas and Policy Priorities.

We will defer some potential reforms under ADS until the Independent Evaluation of ADS in 2025-26.

This will give people with disability time and opportunities to be involved in the development and implementation of reforms to ADS.

How you can participate in the Review

The Review's consultation process will be open to the public from Thursday 8th August to Friday 6th September 2024.

Through this period, you are invited to share your ideas and experiences via the DSS Engage platform.

Here you will be able to respond to guided, short-form questions.



In providing your submission, you may wish to respond to all the questions or choose to answer only the questions of most interest to you.

Alternatively, you can:

- Lodge a submission via email to ADSReview@dss.gov.au
- Write to us at:
ADS Branch: ADS Review
Department of Social Services
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Canberra, ACT 2601

When sharing your ideas and experiences, you are encouraged to refer to this Discussion Paper and other ADS documents.

If you have any questions about making a submission, please email ADSReview@dss.gov.au