



Creating
an inclusive
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ADS Review

Video 2: Your Views

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Your Views

People with disability are the experts on their lives, and we rely on this expertise to guide our work.

This section outlines our draft Findings and Recommendations for ADS, and what we have heard is important to people with disability under ADS Outcome Areas.

As such, it is not intended to present a consensus view. This means it may not include all views presented by the disability community or be representative of all people and organisations that are part of the disability community.

To help you in preparing your submission to the Review, this discussion paper includes questions on ADS implementation mechanisms and Outcome Areas.

Key Questions

- Do you think the current implementation of ADS is effective?
- How could we improve implementation of ADS?
- We have developed draft Findings and Recommendations. Do you agree with these draft Findings and Recommendations?
- What would you change about the draft Findings and Recommendations?

- We have identified a set of topics related to ADS Outcome Areas. We think that these are topics people with disability want government to prioritise. Do you agree these topics should be priorities for future work under ADS?

Australia's Disability Strategy: Implementation Mechanisms

ADS Implementation Mechanisms are the activities that support the delivery of ADS. This includes things like Targeted Action Plans and the Outcomes Framework.

Draft Finding 1:

More needs to be done to support a coordinated approach to ADS implementation across governments.

The success of ADS relies on governments working together. ADS has some mechanisms to support a coordinated approach, like the Targeted Action Plans. But ADS is affected when governments take action (or inaction) different to others.

The Disability Royal Commission said there needs to be greater coordination across all levels of government. Implementing ADS needs a consistent and coordinated approach across government. The disability community have said it is important that there is improved coordination and alignment across government.

Draft Recommendation:

Refine ADS mechanisms to support a nationally coordinated approach to implementing ADS.

Draft Finding 2:

There is strong support for new Targeted Action Plans.

We know there is strong interest for new Targeted Action Plans (TAPs). Much of what we have heard about TAPs was about identifying topics for new TAPs. The disability community identified housing, early childhood, education, older people and many other areas as topics for new TAPs.

Draft Recommendation:

Consider developing new TAPs on:

- Inclusive Homes and Communities
- Safety, Rights and Justice
- Community Attitudes.

Draft Finding 3:

Accessible information and communications are vital for safe and inclusive communities.

Accessible communication is critical for the safety, independence, and inclusion of people with disability.

Draft Recommendation:

Identify ways to support best practice approaches on accessible communications.

Draft Finding 4:

ADS reporting does not support government accountability, implementation compliance, or recognising intersectional experiences of people with disability.

Transparent reporting and monitoring mechanisms help hold governments to account. ADS reporting includes:

- Annual reports for TAPs and the Outcomes Framework
- Two-yearly implementation reports, tabled in the Australian Parliament
- A data dashboard tool.

The disability community says there needs to be more transparency in ADS reporting. We have also heard that ADS data should represent intersectional experiences. The Disability Royal Commission agrees ADS data should include intersectional cohorts. Some have also said that we need better reporting to manage the TAPs.

Improved reporting would support us to manage delayed and undelivered TAPs actions better.

Draft Recommendations:

Extend ADS data and reporting to improve visibility of intersectional experiences. Embed mechanisms that will support the early identification of delayed and undelivered TAPs actions.

Draft Finding 5:

For ADS to achieve its goals, it is critical that people with disability are genuinely involved in the design, implementation, and governance of ADS.



We are committed to people with disability taking a central and active role in ADS. In our Review so far, what we heard about most is that engaging with people with disability is really important.

The disability community have told us they want disability reforms informed by genuine engagement. We are proposing providing people with disability more ADS engagement opportunities. This would support people with disability to contribute to ADS in a more meaningful way.

Draft Recommendation:

Develop and implement an ADS Community Engagement Plan, in addition to the existing ADS engagement commitments.

Do you agree with our draft Findings and Recommendations?

What would you change?

Share your ideas and experiences via the DSS Engage platform or by email to ADSReview@dss.gov.au