

Designing Foundational Supports

Governments are working together to design and deliver additional supports in the community. These are known as **Foundational Supports**.

These are specific supports that are additional to mainstream services and supports accessed through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). They will help people with disability, and their families and carers in a number of important areas that we know will make a big difference.

Why do we need Foundational Supports?

The NDIS has transformed the lives of many people with disability and is here to stay. The NDIS provides supports to eligible people with disability.

Most people with disability aren't in the NDIS and don't need to be. Some people not in the NDIS do need more help than what they can get through existing services in the community.

This is where additional Foundational Supports can assist.

Help us design Foundational Supports

The Australian Government wants to hear from people with disability, parents, families and the sector to help design these additional supports.

The start of our engagement is to work out some of the different kinds of general supports that might be delivered and what is most important so we can get the design of those supports right.

Your ideas will help all governments to settle on the design of these supports.

Who we want to hear from

There will be engagement sessions with:

- people with disability, whether they are in the NDIS or not.
- families, carers, kin and advocates.
- other stakeholders, like service providers. This includes across disability, health, mental health, early childhood, schools and other areas.

Why is it important to have my say?

Your experience will help us to design what additional supports should look like and how they should be delivered.



What we will cover in conversations

There are different types of Foundational Supports. At the beginning, we will focus on just some of these supports, called General Supports. These are for all people with disability aged under 65.

Depending on your interests, you can join discussions about supports like:

- information and advice
- self-advocacy
- peer supports
- capacity building.

We will also seek your ideas on how General Supports could be designed to help particular groups, like young people who need support at key life stages, people with certain disabilities, and families, carers and kin of people with disability.

There will be other kinds of Foundational Supports that governments will want to get your ideas about in future stages of engagement. We will let the community know when these next stages of engagement are starting.

How can I have my say?

There are different ways for you to have your say. You are welcome to contribute in any of these ways.



- **Attend an event** – register for roundtable conversations using the Engagement Schedule at <https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundational-supports/> or email your interest to Foundational.Supports@dss.gov.au
- **Add to our Ideas Wall** – you can add ideas about what supports are needed and share these with others in a public online board.
- **Complete questions online or send a submission** – these are available on our website <https://engage.dss.gov.au/foundational-supports/> or use the QR code.
- **Contact our engagement team** – you can contact our engagement team at The Social Deck who are supporting these conversations with people about additional supports. They will help you with the best options for you to contribute.
Email foundationalsupports@thesocialdeck.com

More information

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