

Review of the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020



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About the review

This report is about the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

The National Disability Strategy is a plan to make the lives of people with disability better.

In this document we call it the Strategy.

It helps promote people's rights and inclusion.

It is an agreement between all governments in Australia:

- Federal
- States and territories
- Local

The review was about how the Strategy works.

The review looked at when the Strategy made a difference to people's lives.

It also looked at when it did not make a difference.

This will help the governments make a new National Disability Strategy.

People in the project

Researchers from the Social Policy Research Centre did the review.

The researchers looked at written documents about the Strategy.

These documents were written by:

- other researchers
- disability organisations
- governments.

The researchers talked to:

- organisations that represent people with disability, their carers and friends
- government organisations

These talks happened in all Australian States and Territories.

In the future, the government will talk to people with disability.

The government will ask them what they think about the Strategy.

Findings of the review

The people in the project said the goals and values of the Strategy were good.

But they said the Strategy did not make a big difference to people's lives.

This means many goals of the Strategy have not been achieved.

Things to do better in the future

Involve more people with disability in making disability policy.

Work with government and communities to reach more goals.

Give funding to small projects all over Australia so they can make a difference to people's lives.

Work together with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (the NDIS) and other services such as:

- health
- housing
- education.

Focus more on programs for people who cannot use the NDIS.

Focus more on including people from different backgrounds such as:

- People from rural areas
- People of different cultures
- People who speak other languages
- People with different sexualities

More things to do better in the future

Make sure more people know about disability policy.

This can be done through media.

Get a group of people together to help the government create good projects for people with disability.

Change goals and priorities as other things change over time.

Make those changes quickly.

Write yearly reports about which goals have been achieved.