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2010-2020

National Disability Strategy

Second Implementation Plan

Driving Action 2015-2018



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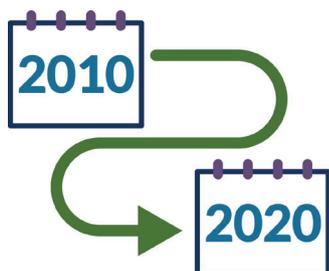
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What is the National Disability Strategy?



The National Disability Strategy is a plan for improving the lives of people with disability.

In this document we call it 'the Strategy'.



This plan is for 10 years.

We will use it from 2010 to 2020.



The Strategy is based on ideas that are in the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.



The United Nations Convention explains the rights of people with disability.

Who uses the National Disability Strategy?



The National Disability Strategy is for all Australians.

It is used by all the governments in Australia, including:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.



The Strategy is making a difference in people's lives.



All governments know there is still lots to be done to achieve the Strategy's goals.



People in the community have been telling us what they think about the Strategy.



This includes:

- people with disability
- families and carers
- people who work with people with disability.



We use their ideas and feedback to make sure that the Strategy is working.



Since the Strategy started, different governments around Australia have been working on their own disability plans.

The main ideas we are working on

Some of the main ideas in the Strategy are making sure that people with disability:



- are included in our **society** (all the people in our community)



- can reach their **potential** (what they could become)



- are treated as equals.

The Strategy covers 6 main areas:



Taking part in the community



Our rights for fair treatment



Work, money and housing



Getting support



Learning and skills



Health and wellbeing

Implementation plans

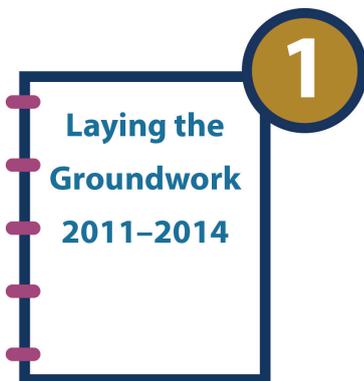


We have written 2 plans.

These are called **implementation plans**.



Our implementation plans help us make sure everybody knows what the Strategy wants them to do.



The first one was called *Laying the Groundwork 2011–2014*.



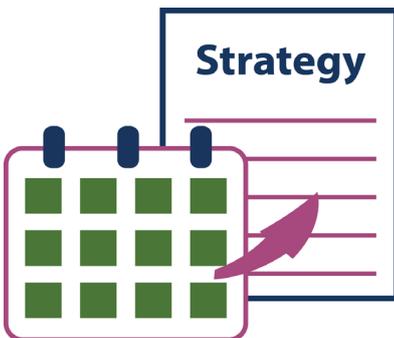
The second one is called *Driving Action 2015–2018*.



This document is about the second implementation plan.

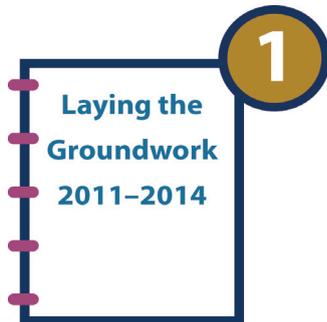


There will be one more implementation plan.
It will be called *Measuring Progress 2019–2020*.



It will talk about the important things that need to be done in the last years of the Strategy.

1 The first implementation plan



The first implementation plan was called *Laying the Groundwork 2011–2014*.



It was about changes that could be made in the planning and delivery of services.

This includes:



- services for people with disability.



- **mainstream services** for all Australians.

Mainstream services are for everybody to use.

They include services like:



- doctors



- dentists



- schools



- public transport



- childcare.

The first implementation plan has helped:



- make support systems more inclusive – more people are able to take part



- get things ready for the start of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) around Australia.

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The second implementation plan



The second implementation plan is called *Driving Action 2015–2018*.



It builds on the things people are already doing to make things better.



It includes actions that need some extra effort so we can achieve our goals.



We have talked to people with disability.

They have been telling us about the things we can improve.



Each level of government will keep working towards changing what the community know and think about disability.

This will help:



- get rid of the barriers that stop people with disability from taking part



- Australia become more inclusive.

Areas we need to focus on

Driving Action 2015–2018 outlines 4 areas that need extra effort across Australia:



1. Moving to the full NDIS



2. Making things better for people with disability who work or want to find jobs



3. Making things better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability



4. Things we do to tell people about the Strategy and its goals.

1. Moving to the full NDIS



The NDIS is an important part of the Strategy.



The NDIS will encourage mainstream services to meet the needs of people with disability.



Changes under the Strategy will also give people with disability more choice when they are looking for:



- services



- activities



- opportunities to take part in the community.

2. Making things better for people with disability who want to work



The Australian Government wants to make things better for people with disability who want to work.

A Disability Employment Taskforce was set up to:



- look at the disability employment system

 Australian Government
Department of Social Services
National Disability
Employment Framework

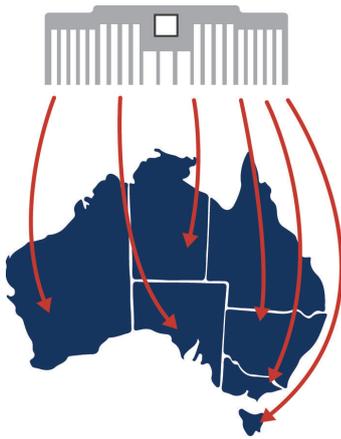
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- develop a guide for increasing employment rates for people with disability – it is called the National Disability Employment Framework.



Based on the work of the Disability Employment Taskforce, the Government is thinking about what can be done to improve employment services for people with disability.



Ideas about ways to make things better for people with disability who want to work are also included in disability plans from:

- state and territory governments



- local governments.

3. Making things better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability



The Australian Government wants to make things better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.



The Australian Government is developing a plan.

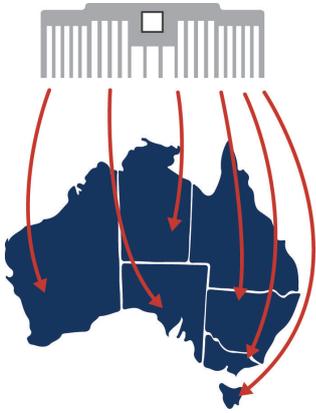


They are talking to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability to help them make the plan.



They will keep doing this while they see how the plan goes.

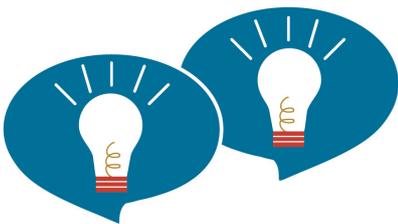
Things are also being done by:



- state and territory governments



- local governments.



They have put their ideas in their disability plans.

4. Things we do to tell people about the Strategy



People with disability have said that not enough people in the community know about the Strategy and its goals.

People need to know:



- about the Strategy



- why we need the Strategy



- how committed governments are to achieving the Strategy's goals.



Governments have agreed to work out a better way to communicate about the Strategy.

We will tell people about the Strategy by:



- putting more information online



- using social media



- publishing a newsletter



- developing training for people who want to learn more about the Strategy.

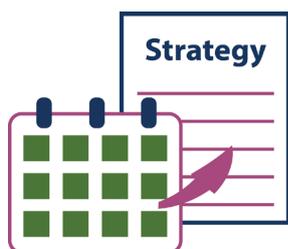
What happens next?



The Strategy is an important commitment from all levels of government to make life better for Australian people with disability.



The goals we achieve through *Driving Action 2015–2018* will help us develop our third implementation plan – *Measuring Progress 2019–2020*.



Measuring Progress 2019–2020 will talk about the important things that need to be done in the last years of the Strategy.

We will keep talking to people so we can find out:



- how things are going



- what they think.



The aim of *Driving Action 2015–2018* is to achieve the Strategy's goal of an inclusive Australia.

This means people with disability can:



- achieve their potential as Australians



- take part in their community

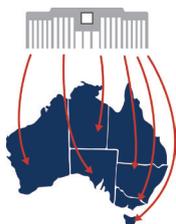


- have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Driving Action 2015–2018 is supported by other plans being made by:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



- local governments.



The Australian Government is also developing a plan that will improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.



Every 2 years we publish a **Progress Report**.



The Progress Report will tell you how the Strategy is going.

Word list



Implementation plans

Plans we write to help us make sure everybody knows what the Strategy wants them to do.

Mainstream services

Mainstream services are for everybody to use.

They include services like:

- doctors
- dentists
- schools
- public transport
- childcare.



Potential

Your potential is what you could become.



Progress Report

A report we write to let people know how things are going.



Society

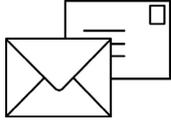
Society is all the people in our community.

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