

National Disability Strategy Disability Inclusion Bill

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National Disability Strategy (NDS)



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National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (COAG 2011)

- Ten year national plan to improve the lives of people with disability, their families and carers
- Goes beyond NDIS and disability service system
- To ensure that mainstream services, programs and infrastructure are inclusive and responsive to the individual requirements of people with disability

Aim - to ensure that people live a good life.

NDS Policy Outcome Areas



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Six key outcome areas:

1. Inclusive and accessible communities
2. Rights protection, justice and legislation
3. Economic security
4. Personal and community support (NDIS)
5. Learning and skills
6. Health and wellbeing

NDS Implementation Plans



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Three implementation plans:

- *Laying the Groundwork: 2011-2014*
- *Driving Action 2015-2018*
- *Measuring Progress 2019-2020*

Under *Driving Action*:

- NDIS transition to full scheme
- improving outcomes for ATSI people with disability
- improving employment outcomes for people with disability
- communication activities to promote the NDS

NDS Progress Reports



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- Progress reporting occurs every two years.
- Current focus on reinvigorating the strategy and strengthening reporting processes.

Examples:

- “Smart Living” project – Woodville West
- Disability Justice Plan
- Employment initiatives
- BlueBays App

NDS Stakeholder Survey



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- Department of Social Services is inviting people with disability, their carers and families to complete the [2016 Progress Report Stakeholder Engagement Survey](#)
- Questions about health care, employment, access to the local community
- Feedback will help the government to create better policies, programs and communities
- Closes 14 August 2017

NDS in South Australia



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SA is meeting its requirements under the NDS through:

- *Strong Voices: A Blueprint to Enhance Life and Claim the Rights of People with Disability in SA (2011)*
- introduction of Disability Access and Inclusion Plans across government
- Disability Engagement Register

DCSI Disability Policy Unit is the conduit for NDS reporting for State/Local Government.



Disability Inclusion Bill



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Background:

- *Disability Services Act 1993*
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- National Disability Strategy
- Disability Inclusion Bill
- Fact Sheets, video on YouSAy website

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- Whole-of-government approach promoting rights and inclusion of people with disability
- Regulation-making powers
- Requirement to review the legislation
- Screening provisions for employees working with people with disability
- Community Visitors Scheme

Key Features of Bill



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Definition:

Disability, in relation to a person, includes a long-term physical, psychiatric, intellectual, cognitive, neurological or sensory impairment that, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder the person's full and effective participation in the community on an equal basis with others.

- Principles

Principles of the Bill



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9 — Principles

(1) The following principles are to be observed in the operation, administration and 5 enforcement of this Act:

(g) people with disability have the right to access information in a way that is appropriate for their disability and cultural background, to enable them to make informed choices;

(h) people with disability have the right to respect for their cultural or linguistic diversity, age, gender, sexual orientation and religious beliefs;

Principles (cont.)



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(5) In addition to the principles set out in any other provision of this section, the following risks and principles are to be acknowledged and addressed in the operation, administration and enforcement of this Act as it relates to people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds:

(a) cultural, language and other differences create barriers to providing supports and services to people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and

(b) the provision of supports and services to people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds should recognise and seek to address those barriers, and should be informed by working in partnership with people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and in consultation with their communities, to enhance their lives.

Access and Inclusion Planning



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- State Disability Inclusion Plan
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plans
- All plans must be developed in consultation with people with disability
- Annual reporting
- Specific requirements will be detailed in Regulations and guidelines

Next Steps - Bill



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- Consultations undertaken during June
- Engagement Summary Report on YourSAy website
 - Finalise Bill
 - Introduce into Parliament
 - Development of Regulations and guidelines

NDS / NDIS Interface



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- While NDIS will improve the disability support received by many people, the NDS remains key to improving access to mainstream services for all people with disability, regardless of age, type or level of support.
- NDIS and NDS are complementary in enabling people to participate in social and economic life as independently as possible.

Further information



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Discussion



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