



National Disability Data Asset

A message from the Council

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this document for the National Disability Data Asset team.

When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

BoldNot bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page <u>13</u>.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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What the National Disability Data Asset is about



The National Disability Data Asset is a new way to connect **data** about people with disability.



In this document we call it 'the Data Asset'.



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The Data Asset will get data about all Australians from different parts of the government.



It will help us better understand the experiences of people with disability.



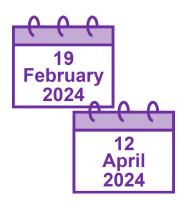
It will also give us more information about programs and services that people use.

What the Council talked about



The National Disability Data Asset Council makes sure people are using the Data Asset in the right way.

In this document we call this group the Council.



The Council held 2 meetings on:

- 19 February 2024 and
- 12 April 2024.



During these meetings, the Council agreed on how they will do their work.



They also approved the Charter.

The Charter is a document about how the government will work with the disability community to:



manage the Data Asset



• protect information about people with disability.



The Council spoke about the Disability Indicators **Panel**.



A panel is a group of people that talk about important ideas.



The Council agreed that the Disability Indicators Panel will:

- include people with disability
- provide advice about how people should use the information about people with disability.

The Council also agreed on:



what work the Disability Indicators Panel should do



• who will be on the Disability Indicators Panel.



The Disability Indicators Panel had their first meeting on **30 April 2024**.

The Council agreed that the Data Asset will use the words that the United Nations uses to talk about:



people with disability



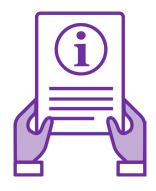
organisations that support people with disability.



The United Nations is an organisation where countries come together to:

- discuss world issues
- fix world issues.

What the Council will do next



The Council will give information to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) **before June 2024**.



A **minister** leads an area of the government.



The DRMC is a group of ministers from around Australia who make **policies** better for people with disability.

A policy is:

- a government plan for how to do things
- where rules come from.

The Council will give the DRMC information about:



how they will do their work



• the Charter.



The DRMC will look at this information.

And they will decide if they agree and want to support it.



The Council will hold their next meeting in May 2024.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.

Data

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Panel

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Policies

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How to contact us



If you want to find out more about the National Disability Data Asset, you can contact us.



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