



National Disability Data Asset

A message from the National Disability Data Asset Council

18 February 2025

Easy Read version



How to use this document



We are the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS).

We wrote this document for the National Disability Data Asset team.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [14](#).



You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.

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About the National Disability Data Asset



The **National Disability Data Asset** brings together **data** about all Australians.

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



When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
- information
- records.



The Data Asset brings together data that has already been collected.

This means it doesn't collect data.



The data won't include personal information, like names.



We won't use the data to decide if a person can get government supports.

For example, NDIS.



It will show information about programs and services that people use.

For example:



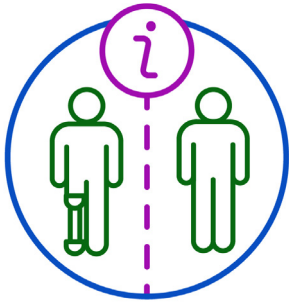
- community supports



- education



- health care services.



Researchers will be able to compare information about people with disability to people without disability.



This research helps us find out what needs to work better for people with disability.



This research will help us better support:

- people with disability
- their families and carers.

What the Council talked about



The National Disability Data Asset Council is a group of people who make sure the Data Asset is being used in the right way.

In this document, we call this group the Council.



The Council had a meeting on 18 February 2025.

Plans for 2025



The Council agreed to a plan about how to work with the disability community in 2025.



The Council also agreed to a plan to make the **disability indicators** better.

Disability indicators are types of information about disability in the Data Asset.

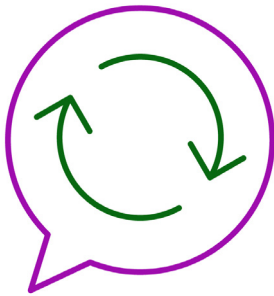
For example, disability indicators include:



- how many people with disability use different services – like health services



- what types of disabilities people have.



The plan will change the name of disability indicators to disability flags.

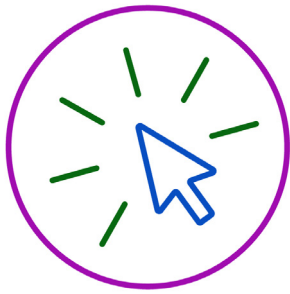


The Council also agreed it's important for the community to understand disability flags.



This includes what information they:

- can tell us
- can't tell us.



You can visit our website for more information about disability flags.

<https://www.ndda.gov.au/research-projects/insights>

Research projects in 2025



The Council talked about some research projects that the Australian Government will do in 2025.



They agreed these projects will teach us helpful information for people with disability.



For example, how to improve health for people with disability.



DSS updated the Council about researchers asking to use the Data Asset.

New Panels



The Council talked about what their 2 new **Panels** will do.



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

The 2 new Panels are:



- the Children and Young People Panel



- the **Employment** Panel.



Employment means you:

- have a job
- get paid to work.



The Council will use advice from the Panels to make decisions about the Data Asset.



You can visit our website for more information about Panels.

<http://resources.dss.gov.au/NDDA-Council-ER/index.html>

The Council's next meeting



The Council meet 4 to 5 times a year.



The Council will hold their next meeting in May 2025.

Word list

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

Data



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They are now called disability flags.



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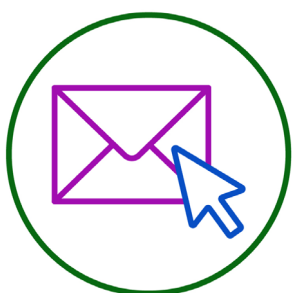


If you want to find out more about the National Disability Data Asset, you can contact us.



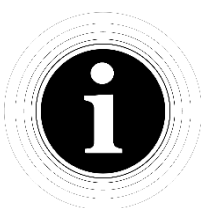
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