



National Disability Data Asset

A message from the Council

21 May 2025

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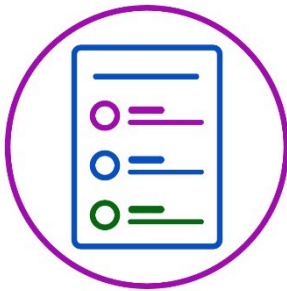
How to use this document



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

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

We wrote this document.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [16](#).



You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of a page.

It only includes the most important ideas.



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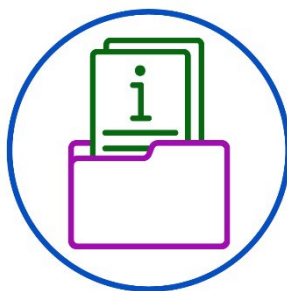
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About the National Disability Data Asset



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

In this document 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.



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

For example:



- community supports



- education



- health care.



Researchers can use the Data Asset to 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.

The data doesn't include personal information.



For example:

- names
- addresses
- date of birth.



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



For example, supports through the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**.

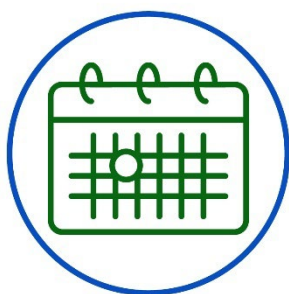
The NDIS provides services and support to people with disability.

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 had a meeting on 21 May 2025.

The Ethical Oversight Panel



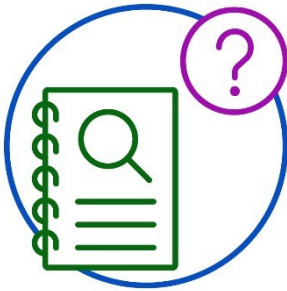
The Council works with a group called the Disability-informed Ethical Oversight Panel.

In this document, we call this group the Ethical Oversight Panel.



The Ethical Oversight Panel helps to make sure the Data Asset does the right thing.

The Ethical Oversight Panel is a group of people who:



- check what research projects people want to use the Data Asset for



- check that projects are unlikely to harm people with disability.

The Ethical Oversight Panel includes:



- people with disability



- people who know a lot about disability.



The Council agreed to update the list of work that the Ethical Oversight Panel has to do.



The Council also agreed that the Ethical Oversight Panel members will stay the same until the end of 2025.

Review the Data Asset



The Council said they will **review** the Data Asset between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026.



When you review something, you check to see what:

- works well
- needs to be better.

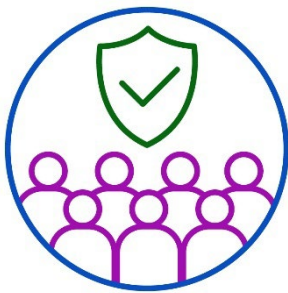


This means they will have more information about how the Data Asset could work better.

Support research about First Nations people



The Council talked about research about First Nations people with disability.



The Council want to make sure that research doesn't harm First Nations:

- people
- communities.



The Council agreed that there is more work to do.

Inclusive research guide



The Ethical Oversight Panel shared their **inclusive** research guide.



When research is inclusive, everyone can take part.



The guide is about research that uses data that has already been collected from the government.

This includes data about:



- services people use



- education



- **employment.**

Employment means you:



- have a job
- go to work
- get paid.



The guide is still a **draft**.

A draft is a document that isn't finished yet.



The Council shared their ideas about the guide.



This included what:

- works well
- could be better.

Adding more data



The Council heard from DSS.



We talked about what data has been added to the Data Asset.

The Council's next meeting



The Council will have their next meeting in August 2025.

Word list

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



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Inclusive

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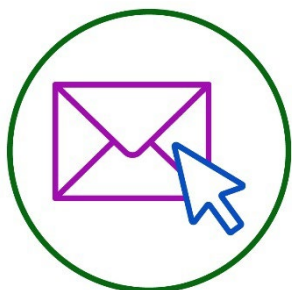


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