National Disability Data Asset

What the Scoping Panel found

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How to use this document

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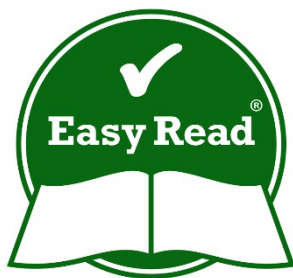We wrote this document.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page .

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.

You can find the other document on our website.

www.ndda.gov.au/how-we-work/advisory-panels/scoping-panel-report

What's in this document?

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'.
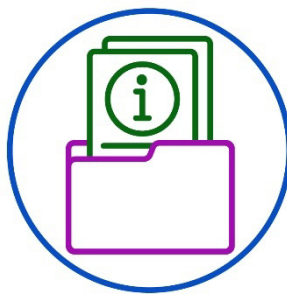
When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts

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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.

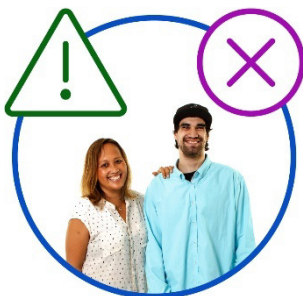This research will help us better support:

- people with disability

- their families and carers.

The data doesn't include personal information.

For example:

- names

- addresses

- dates 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.

About the Scoping Panel

The Scoping Panel is a group of people who give advice about important ideas that other **panels** could work on.

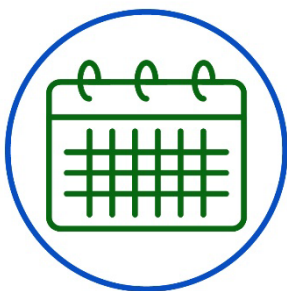A panel is a group of people who talk about important ideas.

The Scoping Panel shared their advice with the National Disability Data Asset Council in November 2024.

In this document, we call this group the Council.

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

The Council created the Scoping Panel in July 2024.
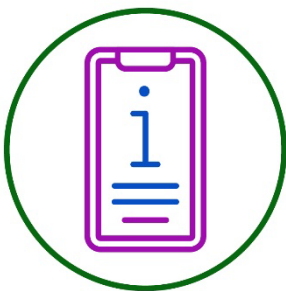
What the Scoping Panel found

The Scoping Panel said that many parts of a person's life can affect their experiences.

For example, their age or background.

They said that new panels should think about how data about disability includes other parts of people's lives.

The Scoping Panel also said it can be hard for people with disability to find and use:

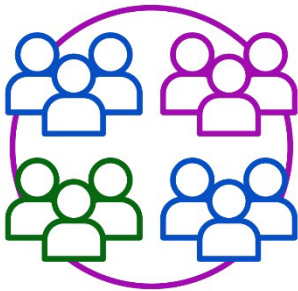- information online

- services online.

The Scoping Panel said that new panels should think about how this could affect data.

The Scoping Panel also said that new panels should include people with disability as members.

What new panels should focus on

The Scoping Panel said that new panels should focus on 4 groups.
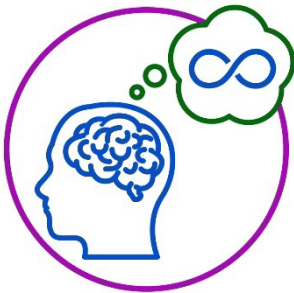
1. The **Deafblind** community.

   People who are Deafblind are both:

   - Deaf

   - blind.

2. Children and young people with disability.

3. **Neurodivergent** people.

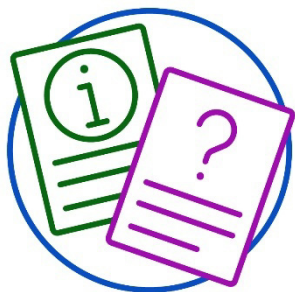   When someone is neurodivergent, their brain works in different ways.

4. People with **intellectual disability**.

An intellectual disability affects how you:

- learn new things

- solve problems

- communicate

- do things on your own.

The Scoping Panel said new panels should look at:

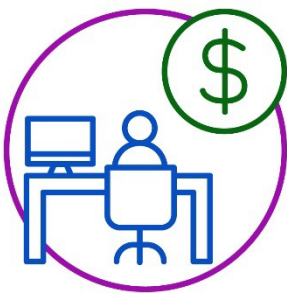- what information is missing about each group

- what information we should include in the Data Asset.

The Scoping Panel also said new panels should think about different parts of people's lives.

This includes focusing on:

- working and earning money

- support to have enough money.

This also includes focusing on housing that:

- doesn't cost too much

- is **accessible**.

When housing is accessible:

- it works well for the people who live there

- it is easy to move around in.

This also includes focusing on different places where people with disability learn.

What will happen next

The Council agreed to create 2 new panels.

This includes:

- a panel that focuses on children and young people with disability

- a panel that focuses on working and earning money.

The Council will create these panels when the Data Asset has the right data.
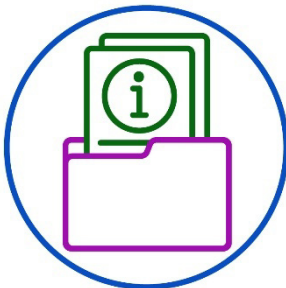
Word list

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

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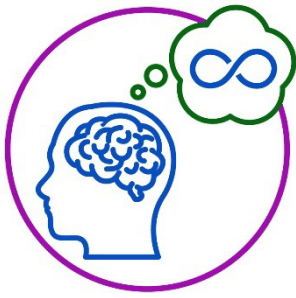- communicate

- do things on your own.

National Disability Data Asset

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS provides services and support to people with disability.

Neurodivergent

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Panel

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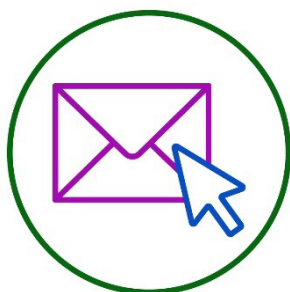
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