

Annual Report 2024–25

The National Disability Data Asset Council

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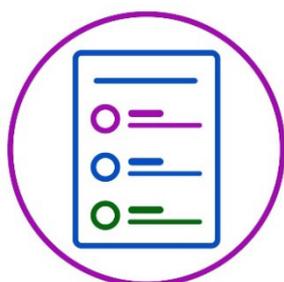


How to use this report



We are the National Disability Data Asset Council.

We wrote this report.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [22](#).



You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this report
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another report.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other report on our website.

www.ndda.gov.au/about-ndda/annual-reports

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About the National Disability Data Asset



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 help the government make good decisions to help people with disability.



The Data Asset does not collect new data.

It brings together data that governments have already collected.



Keeping the data safe is important.



The data does not include personal information, like names.

About the Council



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.



There are 12 people on the Council.

This includes 3 people from the disability community.



The Council share ideas with the disability **ministers** about how to make the Data Asset better.

A minister leads an area of government.

What we did this year

This report is about what we did from:



- July 2024
- to
- June 2025.

This year we had:



- 6 Council meetings



- a workshop about working with the community



- a workshop about how the Data Asset will work in the future.



Council co-chair Catherine McAlpine went to a meeting at the United Nations in New York.



The meeting included people from around the world.

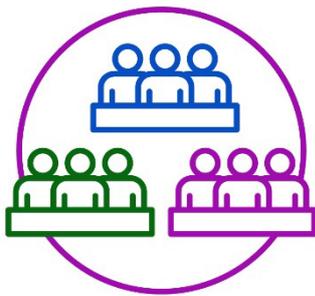


We spoke about research and data led by people with disability.

Our panels



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



We had 3 panels to help us make decisions.
All the panels include people with disability.



We explain their work on the following pages.

Indicators Panel



The Indicators Panel helped create the first **disability flags**.

Disability flags are ways of measuring disability in the Data Asset.



For example, how many people with disability use services – like health services.



The Indicators panel gave us advice about:

- how to explain the disability flags
- our plan to improve the disability flags.

Scoping Panel



The Scoping Panel wrote a report for the Council.

The report had ideas about:



- other panels we could set up in the future



- important ideas those panels could work on.



The report also had ideas about what data we still need for the Data Asset.



You can read the report on our website.

There is also an Easy Read version.

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



We decided to make 2 new panels in the future.

They will focus on:



- children and young people with disability



- jobs for people with disability.

Ethical Oversight Panel

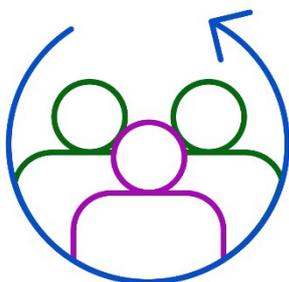


The Ethical Oversight Panel checks that research projects:

- will work well for people with disability
- should not harm people with disability.



The Ethical Oversight Panel wrote a guide about **inclusive** research.



When something is inclusive, everyone:

- can take part
- feels like they belong.



We want researchers to use the guide to make research more inclusive.



You can read the guide on our website.

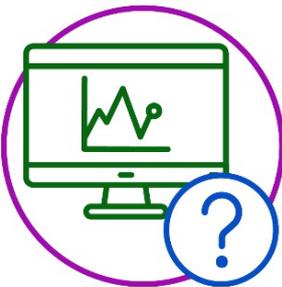
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www.ndda.gov.au/research-projects/inclusive-research

Working with the community



We held a workshop with people from the disability community.



The workshop helped us understand how to explain:

- what the Data Asset is
- why it is important.



We made a new website for the community that is easier to:

- use
- understand.

Working towards our goals



We have 3 main goals for the Data Asset.

We want to:



- give the government better disability data for making laws and services



- make disability data better and easier to use



- find better ways to share data between governments.

We are reaching these goals by:



- creating the disability flags



- improving reporting about Australia's Disability Strategy



- sharing and connecting government data.

New disability flags



We use disability flags to show people with disability in the data.

We are creating new disability flags about 3 types of disability:



- autism



- intellectual disability

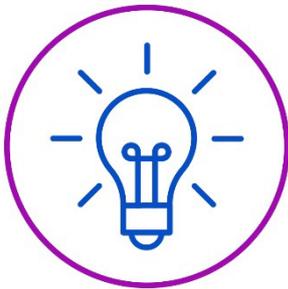


- Deafblind.

Keeping data safe



Experts checked how the Data Asset keeps data private.



They had 6 ideas about how to make the data safer.



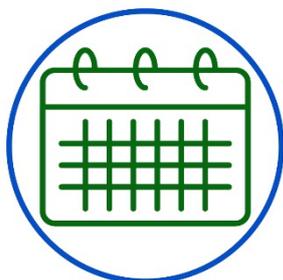
We shared a report about how we used these ideas.



You can read the report on our website.

[www.ndda.gov.au/about-ndda/
keeping-data-safe](http://www.ndda.gov.au/about-ndda/keeping-data-safe)

Using the Data Asset



People could ask to use the Data Asset from 19 December 2024.



7 people asked to use the Data Asset for research.

This includes:



- 5 projects from universities



- 2 projects from the Australian Government.



By June 2025, Data Asset managers had not decided if these projects could start.

What we will do next year

Next year we plan to:



- make the disability flags better



- tell more people about the inclusive research guide



- work with universities and governments so more people with disability can do research



- check that the rules in our Charter are working well.



You can read our Charter on our website.

www.ndda.gov.au/ndda-charter-factsheet

Word list

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



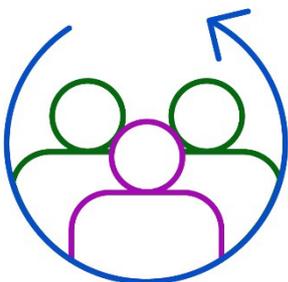
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Data includes information and facts we collect to help us learn about something.



Disability flags

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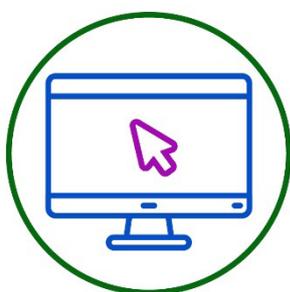
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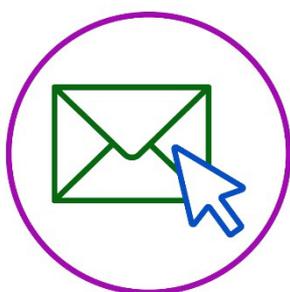


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