



# National Disability Data Asset

## A message from the National Disability Data Asset Council

30 July 2024

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 read the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



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 [11](#).



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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# 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.



Having data on all Australians lets researchers compare results for people with disability to people without disability



The Data Asset will help show how people with disability live.



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

For example, health care services.

# 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 held a meeting on 30 July 2024.



During this meeting, the Council talked about **disability indicators**.

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



For example:

- how many people have a disability
- what disabilities people have.



The Council talked about the advice they heard from experts about disability indicators.



They also talked about advice from the Disability Indicators **Panel**.

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



The Disability Indicators Panel:

- includes people with disability
- gives advice about disability indicators.



The first disability indicators the Council looked at were about people with disability who receive government payments or services.





The Council agreed for these disability indicators to be part of the Data Asset.



The Council also agreed that the Data Asset will need to include other people with disability in the future.



The Council talked about creating **accessible** information that will:

- explain the disability indicators
- be on the Data Asset website.



When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use
- understand.



They talked about how the information will be available in:

- Easy Read
- Auslan.



The Council will hold their next meeting in August 2024.

At this meeting, the Council will talk about:



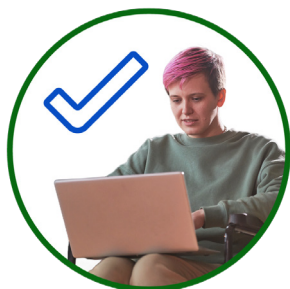
- ways the community can have their say on the Data Asset



- how researchers will need to share their research with the community.

# Word list

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



## **Accessible**

When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use
- understand.



## **Data**

When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts
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## **Disability indicators**

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



## **National Disability Data Asset**

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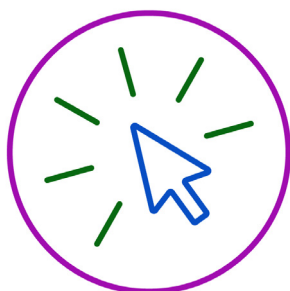
## **Panel**

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## How to contact us

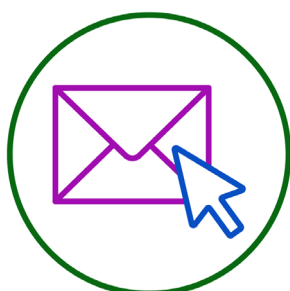


If you want to find out more about the National Disability Data Asset, you can contact us.



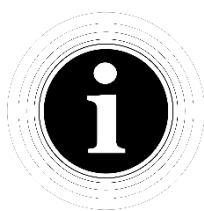
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