



National  
Disability  
Data Asset



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**A message from the Council**

**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 see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

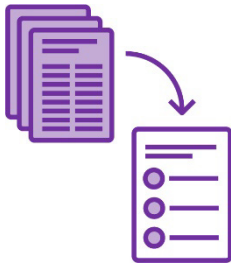
Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page [12](#).



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 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 collect data about all Australians from different parts of the government.



It will help us better understand the experiences of people with disability.



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 makes sure people are using the Data Asset in the right way.

In this document, we call this group the Council.



The Council held a meeting on **6 May 2024**.



During this meeting, the Council agreed on what the Australian Government wants to research in **2024**.

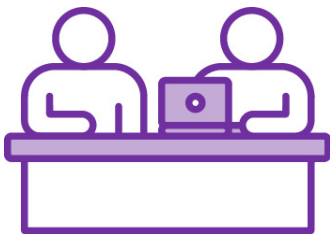


They also agreed on what information the Australian Government will share with the community.

This includes information about:



- the Data Asset

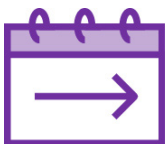


- the research people do.



The Council agreed on who will be part of the Scoping **Panel**.

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



The Scoping Panel will give advice to the Council about:

- other panels they could set up in the future
- important ideas those panels could work on.





The Council also agreed on what work the Disability-informed Ethical Oversight Panel will do.



This is a group of people who will:



- check projects that people want to use the Data Asset for
- make sure those projects do not harm people with disability.



The Council will decide who will be part of the Disability-informed Ethical Oversight Panel.



The Council talked about how they can support the community to have their say on the Data Asset.

For example, what research the community would like people to do.



The Council also talked about how researchers could apply to use the Data Asset.



And how researchers will follow the rules of the Data Asset.



This includes how researchers will need to share their research:

- with the community
- in a way that is **accessible**.



When information is accessible, it is easy to:

- find and use
- understand.



The Council will hold their next meeting in **August 2024**.

At this meeting, the Council will continue to talk about:



- how they can support the community to 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
- information
- records.



### **Panel**

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

## How to contact us



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



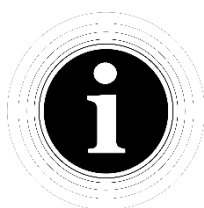
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