

ACT Disability Strategy

2024 to 2033

AND

First ACT Disability Action Plan

2024 to 2026

ACT Government



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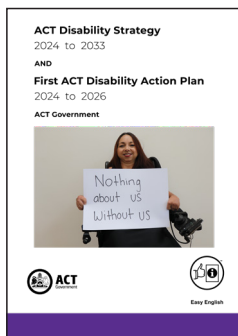


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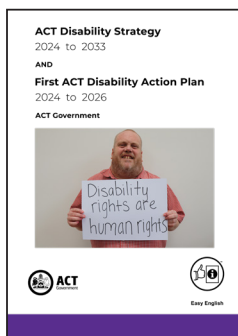
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This book is about our ACT Disability Strategy.

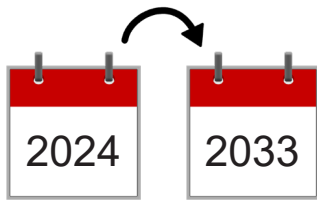
We call it **the strategy**.



This book is also about our first ACT Disability Action Plan for people with disability.

We call it **the plan**.

About the strategy



The strategy says what we will do from 2024 to 2033.

Why do we have the strategy?



We have talked a lot about life experiences with

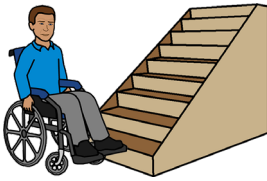
- people with disability
- family members of people with disability
- carers of people with disability.





People told us about

- what life with disability is like



- what gets in the way for people with disability

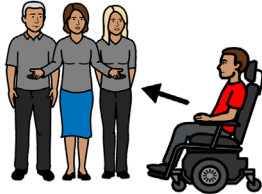


- what needs to change so that people with disability can be more part of the community.

What are the goals in the strategy?



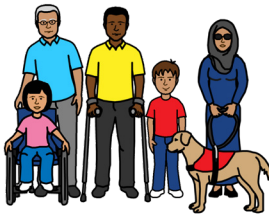
Goals are things we want to make happen.



1 We want people with disability to feel welcome and get respect

Respect means everyone understands that

- everyone is important
- we listen to each other
- we are fair to everyone.



2 We want people with disability to tell us what they think



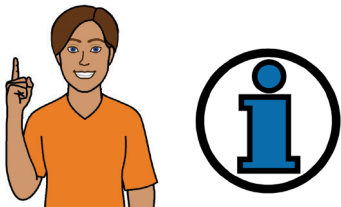
We want people with disability to take part when we

- have talks about what our community needs



- plan ways we can make the community better.

3 We want people with disability to get what they need

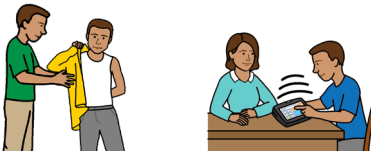


We want people with disability to

- get the information they need



- get the services they need



- get the supports they need.

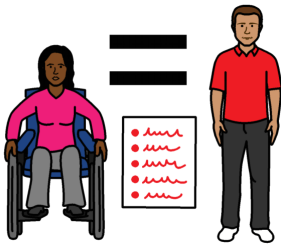
4 We want people with disability to get equal rights in our community



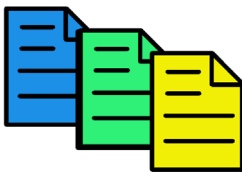
Rights are things everyone should get.

Rights tell us

- how everyone should be treated
- what everyone should be able to do.



We want to make sure people with disability have the same rights as everyone else.

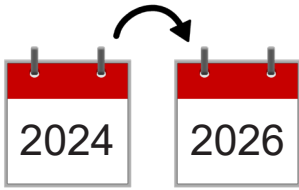


To make our strategy happen, we will have 3 plans.



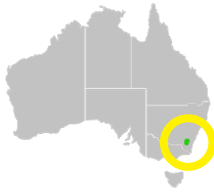
In this book we write about the **first** plan.

About the first plan



The first plan says what we will do for our strategy from 2024 to 2026.

Who is the first plan for?

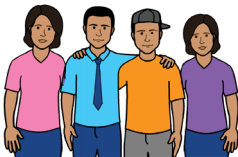


The plan is for people who

- have disability in Canberra



- are family members of people with disability



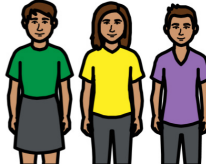
- are **allies** of people with disability.

Allies are people who support others.

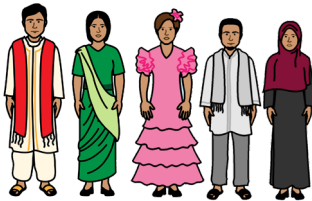


The plan is also for people with disability from

- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

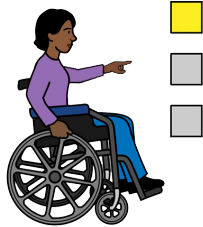


- the LGBTQIA+ community



- different cultures.

What is in the first plan?



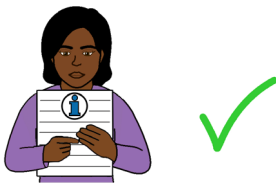
The first plan will make sure people with disability can

- be part of talks when we make choices about what is important to them



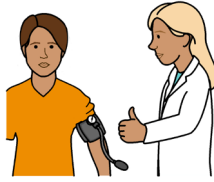
- be part of talks about **policies**.

Policies are rules for what we want to happen.



We will make sure people with disability can get information from the Government about

- rights
- services
- programs.



We will make sure people with disability can get better access to

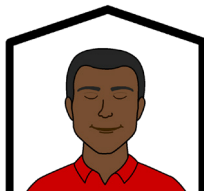
- health



- housing

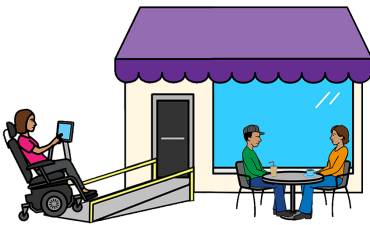


- education.



We will make sure people with disability can

- feel safe



- get around in the community.



We will make sure people with disability have more ways to

- get jobs



- keep jobs.

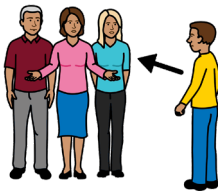
We will check that we do a good job



We will make a new group to check that we do a good job with the strategy and the first plan.



The new group will be called the **ACT Disability Strategy Governance Group.**



The group will

- include people with disability



- work with people in the community to check
 - what is working well in the community
 - what we can do better for the next plan.



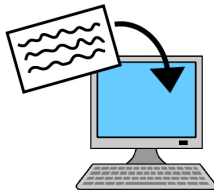


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