

ACT Disability Strategy

The ACT Government has launched the Disability Strategy (2024-2033). This is a new 10-year Strategy that will improve the lives of people with disability in the ACT.

In 2022 and 2023, the Government talked to people with disability. They also talked to their families, and carers. People told us about:

- what life is like,
- how people with disability are treated,
- the challenges they face, and
- the things that need to change so people with disability can take part in community life.

Over the next 10 years, the Strategy will help to build a city where people with disability are:

- welcome and respected,
- involved in discussions and planning about our community,
- able to access information, services and supports, and
- not discriminated against.

Three Action Plans support the ACT Disability Strategy to make this change happen.

The First Action Plan (2024-2026) includes a list of activities that will happen in the next two years. The Government will lead these activities.

The Government will respond to the final recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission. They will also respond to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Review.

First Action Plan activities respond to the different needs of community. The First Action Plan includes actions that support:

- people with disability, their families, and carers,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and
- LGBTIQ communities.

Activities in the First Action Plan make sure people with disability:

- have more say in decisions and policies,

- can access and understand Government information, services, and programs,
- have better access to health, housing, and education programs and services,
- feel safer, more welcome and included in community,
- have more opportunities to get around Canberra, and move around in public places, and
- have more job opportunities and supports.

The Government will work with the community to deliver these activities. This will make life easier and create change.

This is a first step towards improving the well-being of people with disability in the ACT. This will make Canberra a more accessible and inclusive community.

The ACT Government will create a Governance Group. The Group will include people with disability and will work with the community.

The Governance Group will:

- make sure the ACT Disability Strategy and action plans deliver these activities,
- help to create change and improve the lives of people with disability,
- track how the Strategy affects people with disability (their families and carers), and
- aim to understand what works, what does not work, and what can improve.

