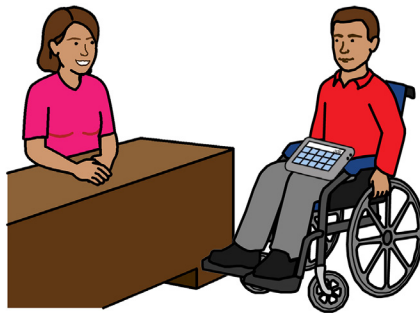




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What you told us about life with disability

ACT Disability Strategy



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

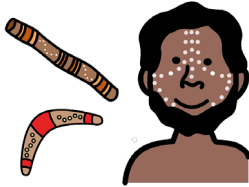
- find more information.



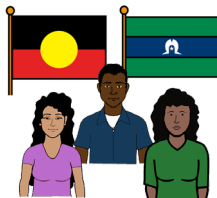
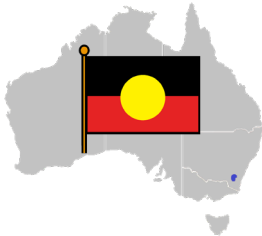
We will write contact information at the end of this book.

We acknowledge the First Nations people

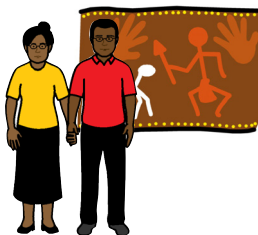
Acknowledge means we understand the importance of **First Nations peoples**



- culture
- language
- history.



First Nations people are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



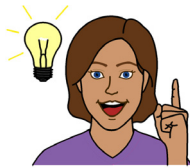
In the ACT the First Nations people are called the Ngunnawal people.

About this book

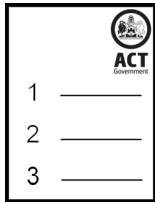


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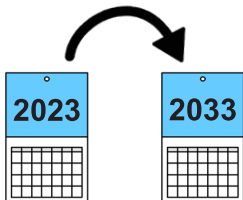
The ACT is the Australian Capital Territory.



This book is about new ideas we got for our **Disability Strategy**.



We call it **the Strategy**.



The Strategy is a plan to make life better for people with disability

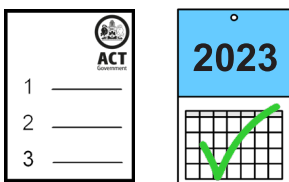
- in the next 10 years



- in the ACT.



We are making the Strategy right now.



The Strategy will be ready in 2023.

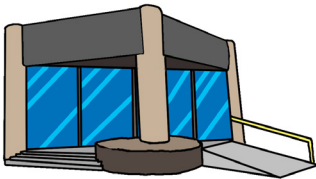
What is the Strategy about?



The Strategy says how we will make the ACT more **accessible**.

Accessible means something is easy to use for everyone.

For example, a building.



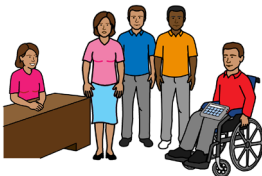
The Strategy also says how we will make the ACT more **inclusive**.

Inclusive means everyone can take part in our community life.



We want to make sure that people with disability feel

- welcome like everyone else
- that they belong like everyone else.



What have we done so far?



We have asked many people for ideas to help us make the Strategy.



We asked

- people with disability



- their families



- their carers and supporters.

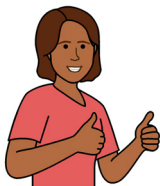


We asked

- what makes life good



- what makes life hard

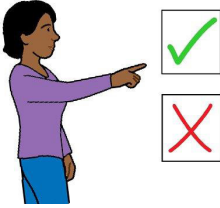


- what can we do better.

What did people tell us?

Many people said when you have a disability

it can be hard to



- make your own choices in life



- find the doctors and therapists you need



- get good things to support you
 - for example, a wheelchair.

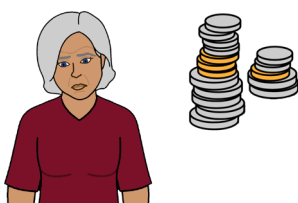


People also told us it can be hard to

- find good disability services
 - for example, services to help you live on your own



- meet and have fun with other people



- have enough money for everyday things
 - for example, to buy new clothes.

What else makes life hard?



We heard life can be hard because many people in our community forget how to

- make people with disability feel welcome



- make life easier for people with disability.



We also heard that

- websites can be hard to read



- big organisations can be hard to understand



- companies do **not** hire people with disability



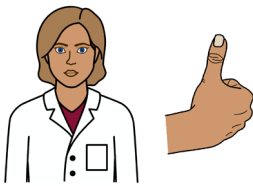
- politicians forget about people with disability.

What would make life better?



People told us what needs to change in the ACT.

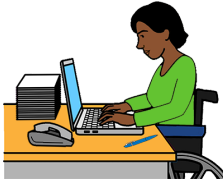
We heard that we need to make it easier for people with disability to



- get good health care



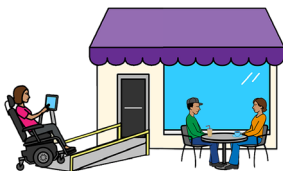
- get the support and services they need



- find work

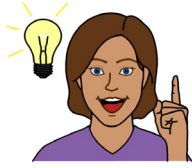


- live in safe and accessible homes



- use public buildings.

What ideas did people have?



People had many ideas about what we should do next.

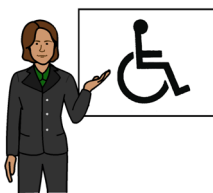
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| 3 | _____ |
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The people said we should write an **action plan**.

Action plan means a list of the things we will do first.



People also told us we should change how the community thinks about disability.



One idea is to teach people in different jobs how to understand people with disability better.

We should make sure that people with disability can decide more in the community.

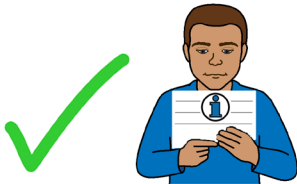


For example, about

- the services they get

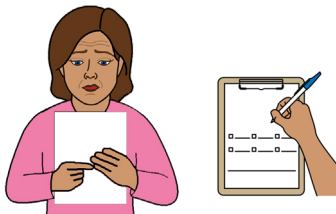


- roads and buildings they use.



People said we should make it easier for people with disability to find information.

The information could be about where to find help to



- read and fill out documents



- talk to someone when you first learn about your disability



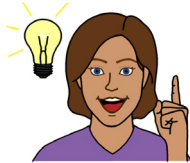
- get out and enjoy community life.

What will happen next?



We will

- write the Strategy



- use the ideas people gave us



- tell our community about the Strategy.

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We will also

- write an action plan



- do what we say we will do



- talk more to people with disability to learn what we can do better.

More information



For more information contact the
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Call 02 6207 1086

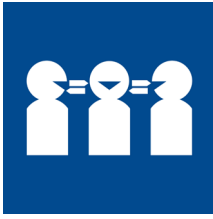


Email officefordisability@act.gov.au

**You can read more about the ACT Disability
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[yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-
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