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ACT Disability Strategy Annual Report 2026

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How to use this report



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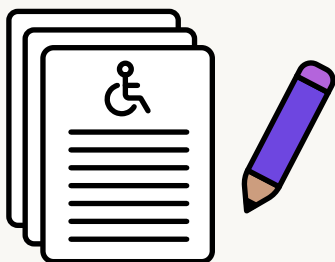
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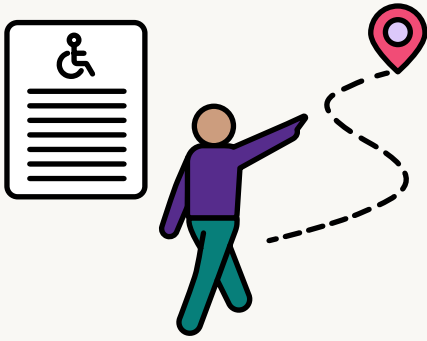
This report has some **hard words**.



We explain what the hard words mean.



We made a plan called the
ACT Disability Strategy.

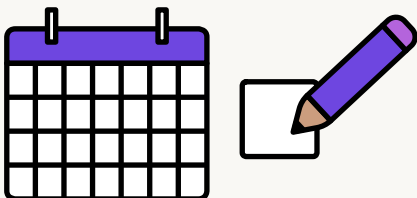
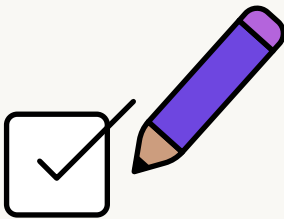


A **strategy** is a plan for the future.



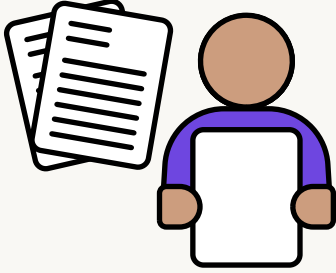
We wrote this report to tell you:

- what the strategy is
- what we have done so far
- some important things that have happened
- what will happen next.

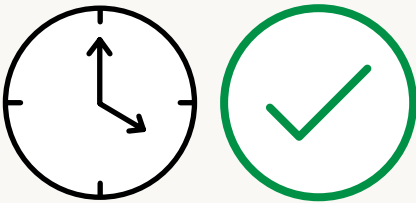




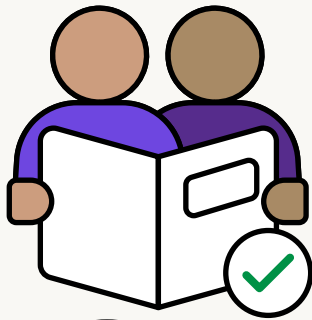
This report is long.



You do not need to read it all at once.

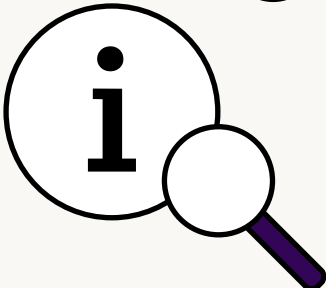


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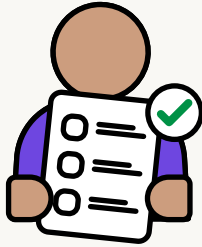


You can ask someone you trust to help you:

- read this report



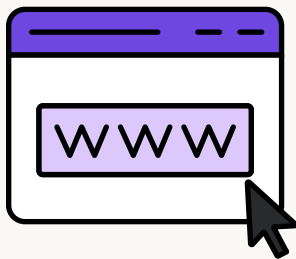
- find out more information.



This is an Easy Read **summary** of the ACT Disability Strategy Annual Report 2026.



A **summary** only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the full version of this report on our website.

act.gov.au/open/disability-strategy

About the ACT Disability Strategy



The ACT Disability Strategy is a long term plan.

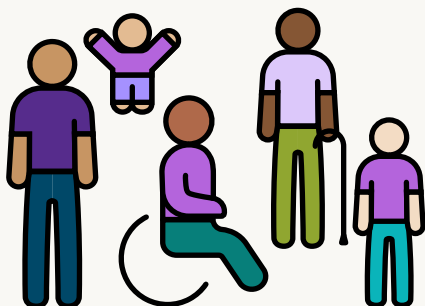


We will just call it our strategy.

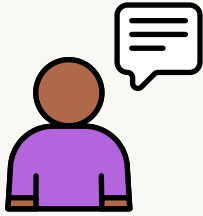


Our strategy aims to make sure people with disability:

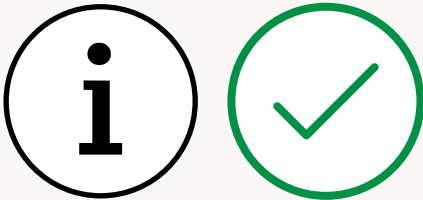
- feel welcome and **respected**



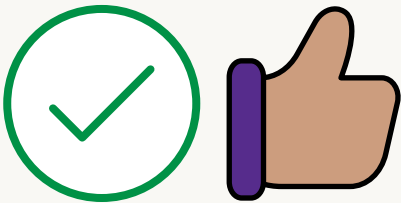
- are included in the community



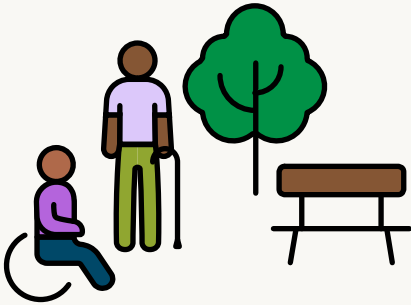
- have a say in decisions that affect them



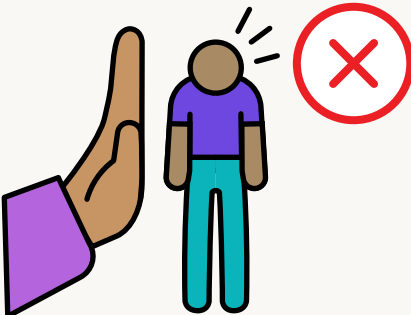
- can get information they need



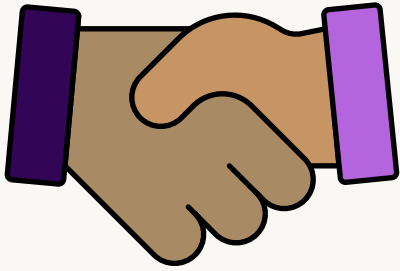
- can use services and supports



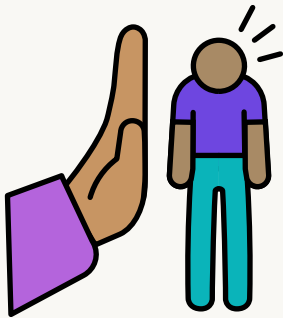
- can take part in community life



- do not experience **discrimination**.



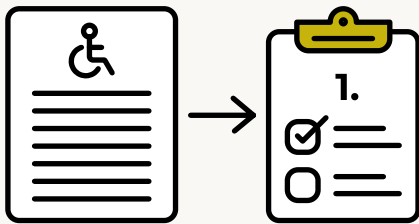
Respect means accepting people for who they are what they believe.



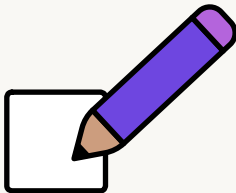
Discrimination is when you are treated badly or unfairly because of things like your:

- sex
- sexual identity
- race
- religion
- disability.

The First Action Plan



Our strategy has a First Action Plan.



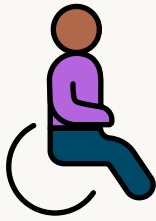
An **action plan** says what work needs to be done.



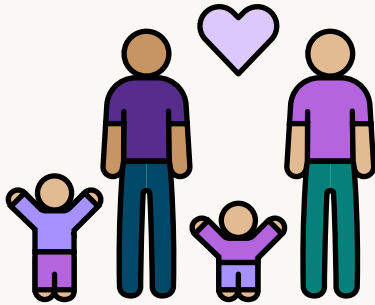
The First Action Plan has 28 actions.

Different parts of the ACT Government are working on these actions.

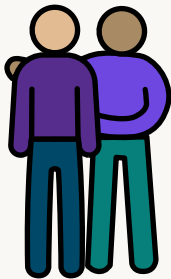
We are also working on these actions with:



- people with disability



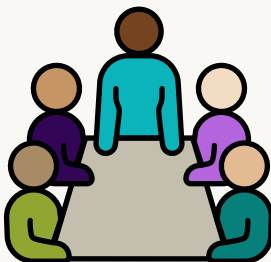
- families



- carers

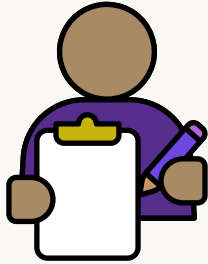


- disability organisations



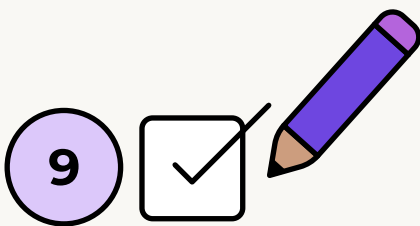
- other community organisations.

What has been done so far



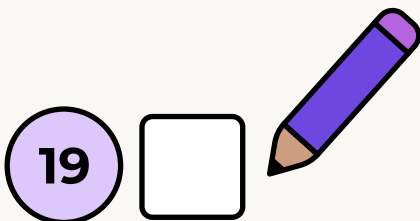
We check to see how the First Action Plan is going.

By 30 June 2026 work had started on all 28 actions.



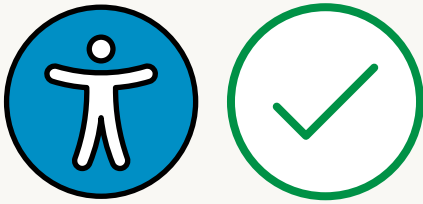
Out of the 28 actions:

- 9 actions are finished

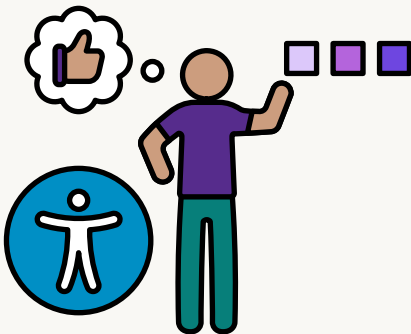


- 19 actions are still being worked on.

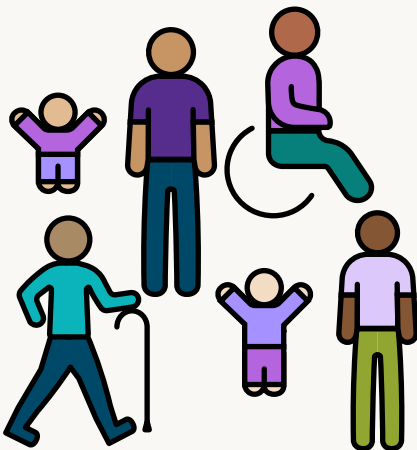
In the second year of our strategy, we focused on:



- making things more **accessible**
- working more closely with the community
- making services more **inclusive**.

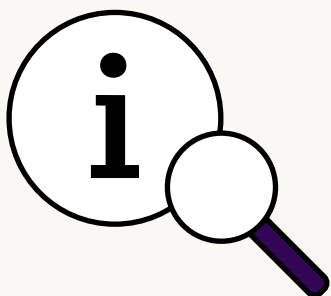


Accessible means everyone is able to find and use something.



Inclusive means everyone is involved.

Making information more accessible

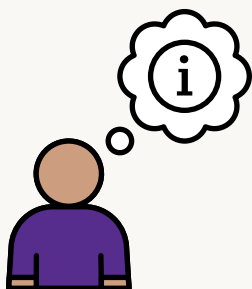


We are working to make information easier to:

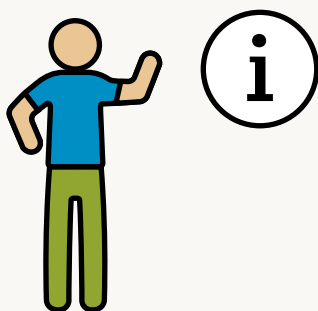
- find



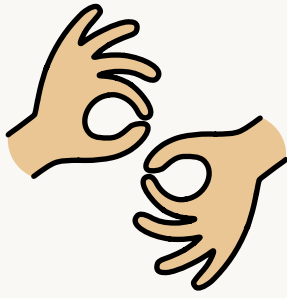
- use



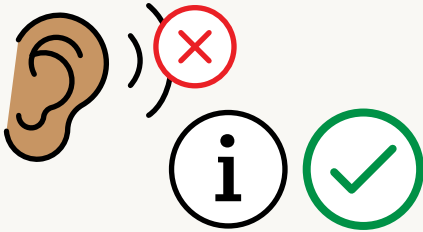
- understand.



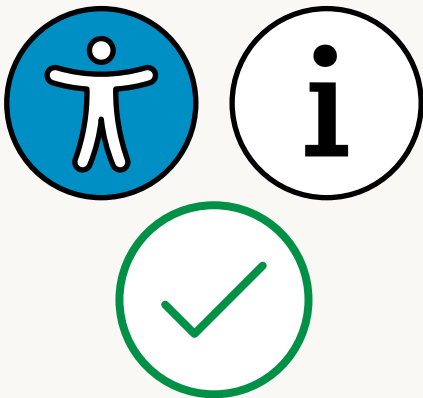
For example, we hired someone to make Government information in **Auslan**.



Auslan is Australian sign language.

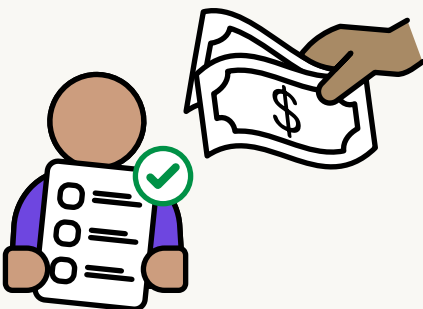


This means Deaf people can get the same information as everyone else.

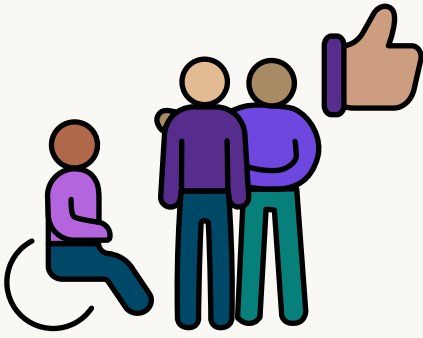


The person we hired is Deaf and helps make our information more accessible for:

- Deaf people
- other people who use Auslan to communicate.

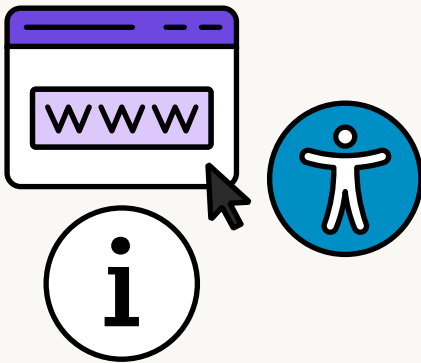


We also put money towards an Easy Read Resource Program.

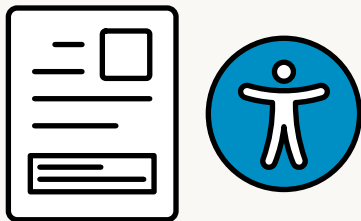


This program is being built with and for:

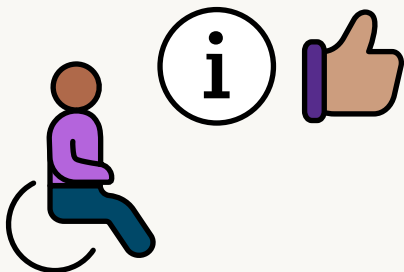
- people with intellectual disability
- their families
- their carers.



We are also making our websites and other information more accessible.



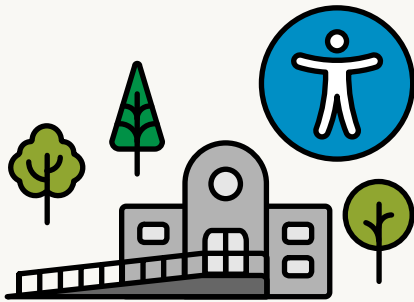
This includes Our Canberra newsletters.



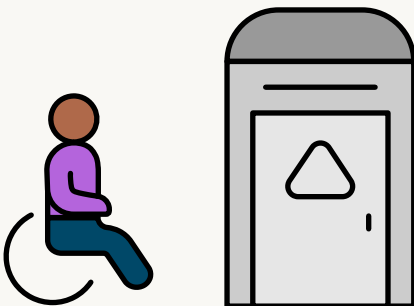
Making these changes can help people with disability:

- get important information
- take part in community life.

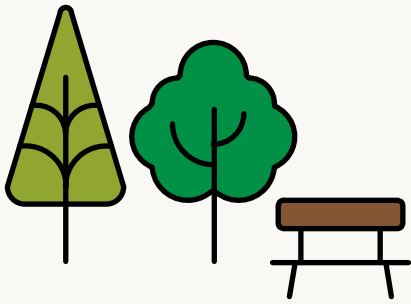
Making public places more accessible



We are making community places easier for people with disability to use.

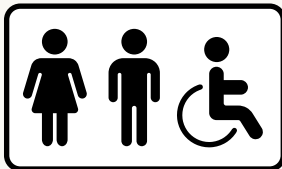


For example, our new Changing Places bathrooms have extra space and equipment for people who need more support.

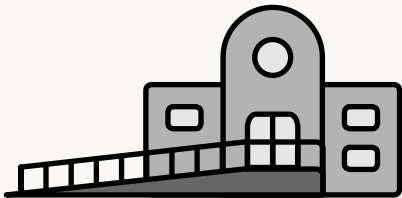


We have also improved:

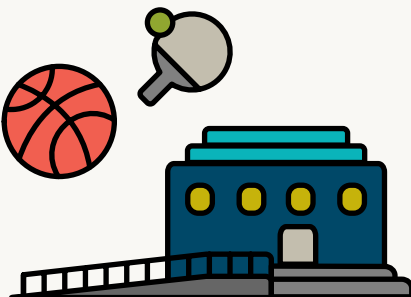
- parks



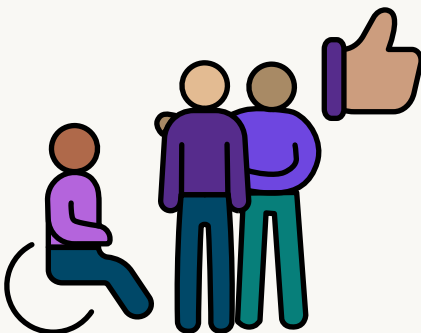
- toilets



- visitor centres

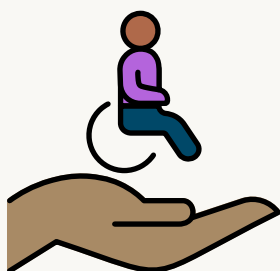


- recreation facilities.



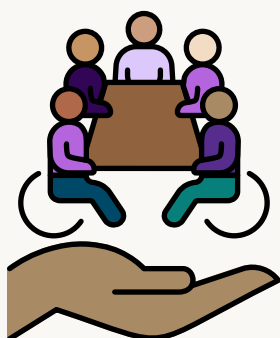
These changes make it easier for people with disability, their families and carers to use community places.

Supporting projects run by people with disability



We have supported programs run by:

- people with disability



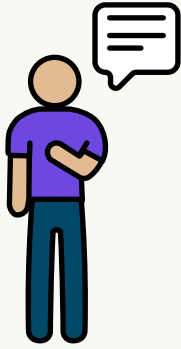
- disability organisations



- community organisations.



For example, we put money towards a **self advocacy** project for people with intellectual disability.



Self advocacy means speaking up for yourself and having a say about your life.



We also supported a **peer support** program for **LGBTIQA+** people with disability.



Peer support is when people with similar experiences support each other.



LGBTIQA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer or Questioning, Asexual and other groups.



We have also started work to make disability supports better for:

- First Nations people with disability
- their families
- their carers.



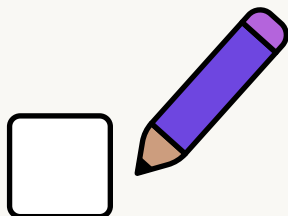
We continue to support community activities for the International Day of People with Disability.



All these programs and activities help people with disability:

- have their voices heard
- have more say in decisions about their lives.

What happens next

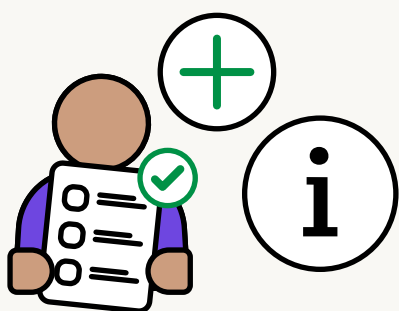


We will keep working on the actions that are not finished.

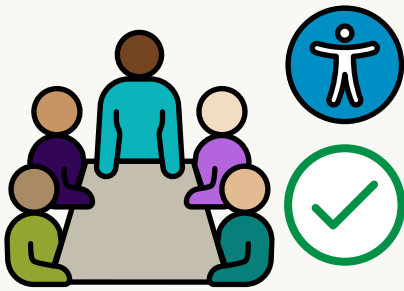


Over the next year, we plan to:

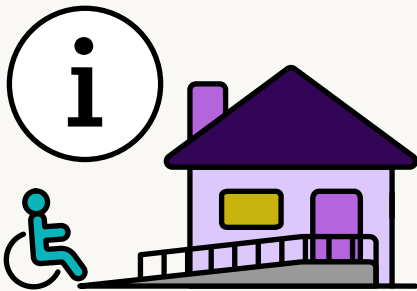
- help Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations have culturally safe disability programs and supports



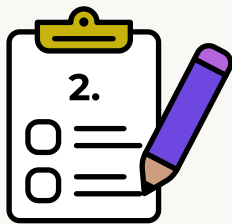
- put out more information in Easy Read



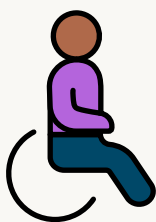
- improve accessibility in community organisations



- look at options for a disability housing information service

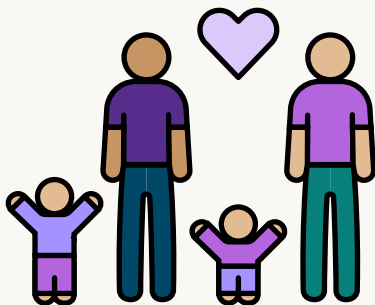


- start developing the Second Action Plan.

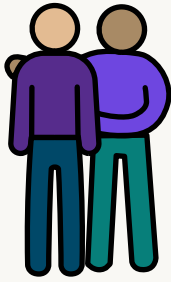


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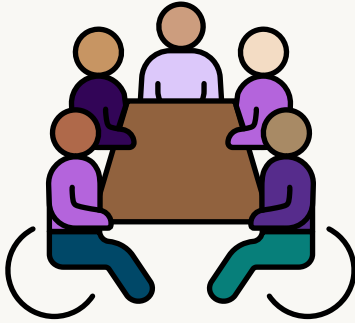
- people with disability



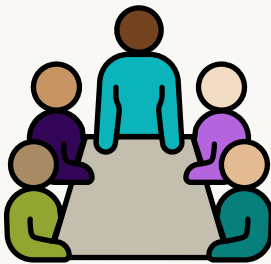
- families



- carers



- disability organisations



- community organisations



- the Disability Advisory Council.



The Disability Advisory Council gives us advice on issues that affect people with disability.



People with **lived experience** will help guide our work in the future.

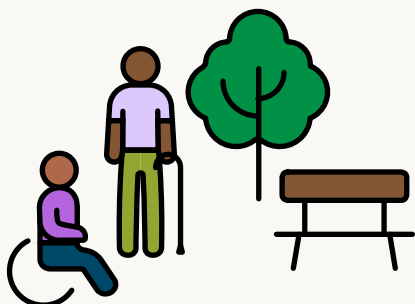


Lived experience means knowing something from actually going through it.



Our aim is to keep making the ACT:

- more accessible
- more inclusive
- a place where people with disability can take part in all areas of community life.



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