**ACT Disability Strategy**

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Community Services Directorate, Inclusion and Participation

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**Easy English 2022**

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This document has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

* the hard word is in **blue**
* we will write what the hard word means.



You **can** get help with this document.

You **can** get someone to help you

* read this document
* know what it says
* find more information

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This document comes from the ACT Government.

When you see the word ‘**we**’, it means the ACT Government.

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Description automatically generated**What is the ACT Disability Strategy?**

The **ACT Disability Strategy** is a plan to improve the lives of people with disability.

We will call it the Strategy.

The Strategy is

* A picture containing icon

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* for people in the Australian Capital Territory or ACT.

The aim of the Strategy is to make the ACT more -

* **inclusive**
* A group of people with their faces swapped

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If something is **inclusive**, everyone can take part.

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If something is **accessible**, everyone can use it. This might be:

* a place or a building
* transport
* a service
* information
* a website.

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Description automatically generatedThe Strategy will make sure that people with disability are

* treated the same as everyone else
* included in our community.

**Why we need an ACT Disability Strategy**

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Description automatically generatedThe ACT Government makes a lot of decisions, like

* A picture containing text

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  Description automatically generatedhow we do business and set up services
* A group of people posing for a photo

  Description automatically generatedwhat to spend money on.

These decisions affect the whole community, including people with disability.

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe ACT Disability Strategy will guide our decisions, so that

* we listen to the views of people with disability

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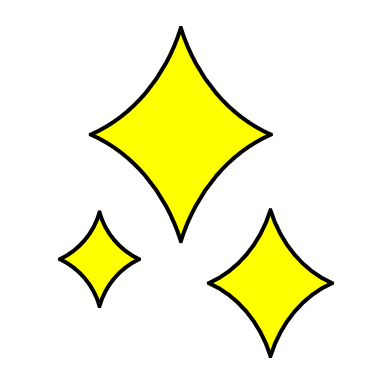
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* the decisions we make help make the ACT a better place to live.

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Description automatically generated**Why we need your help**



We are making a new Disability Strategy for the ACT.

We believe in the idea “**nothing about us without us**”.

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“**Nothing about us without us**” means people with disability must be part of the decisions governments make that will affect their lives.

**A group of people sitting around a table

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* to hear from people with disability
* the ACT Disability Strategy to say what you want it to say.

We want to know

* Two people talking

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* how we can make sure your ideas are the focus of the Strategy
* how we can best include your ideas in the Strategy.

## Icon Description automatically generatedYour ideas and opinions will help us

* learn more about what matters to you

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* make better and fairer decisions

A few people shaking hands

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* be more open about how we make decisions
* get good feedback on the decisions we make
* learn from things we did **not** do well in the past

A person with the hand on the head

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* become better at listening to many views from many different people.

The chance to be part of the ACT Disability Strategy is also a good way for you to

* A person holding a knife

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* advocate for you and others
* use your power to make change.

## A picture containing shape Description automatically generatedA picture containing text, clipart Description automatically generated**What this means for us**

Your views on the Strategy are very important to us.

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We want to make it easy for you to share your ideas with us.

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Description automatically generatedWe need to

* ask you what you want, in way that suits you

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* give you time to tell us what is important to you

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* A picture containing icon

  Description automatically generatedlisten to what you say
* include what you say in the Strategy

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* turn the Strategy into actions.

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Description automatically generatedHow you can help create the new ACT Disability Strategy**

We made some different ways for you to take part.**Diagram

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1. **Open Public Forums**

**Open Public Forums** are meetings where you can share ideas about what matters to you.

The meetings will be

* online and face-to-face
* led by people with disability

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[Attend an open forum | ACT Disability Strategy | YourSay ACT](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/attend-open-forum)

**A group of people sitting around a table

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1. **Focused conversations**

**Focused conversations** are public meetings that focus on one topic, like Health or Employment.

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[Join a focused conversation | ACT Disability Strategy | YourSay ACT](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/join-focused-conversation)

1. **A picture containing diagram

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You can take part in the ACT Disability Strategy survey here:

[ACT Disability Strategy Survey](https://www.yoursaypanel.act.gov.au/c/r/disabilitysurvey)

Two people sitting at a table

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1. **Kitchen Table Conversation kit.**

The **Kitchen Table Conversation kit** is a way for you to have a conversation about the ACT Disability Strategy at home with family and friends.

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The kit has cards on different topics, like

* Learning and developing skills
* Having a job and having enough money

A group of people talking

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You can

* share your
* thoughts and views in small groups

A person sitting at a desk with a computer and a keyboard

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* send the information back to us online.

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Description automatically generatedYou can find out more about the Kitchen Table Conversation Kit here:

[Kitchen Table Conversations Kit | ACT Disability Strategy | YourSay ACT](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/kitchen-table-conversations-kit)

1. A picture containing text, vector graphics

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A **submission** is a report about your experiences.

A submission can be

* your story about what worked well for you

or

* what did **not** work well for you

or

* a list of good ideas you have.

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You can

* write a submission here:

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/upload-submission>

or

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* make a video submission here:

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/upload-video-submission>

## Icon Description automatically generated**More information and resources**

[United Nations (2008). Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.](https://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/convention/convoptprot-e.pdf)

[Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021-31](https://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/ads)

[The ACT Disability Reference Group webpage](https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/disability_act/disability-reference-group)

[The Disability Justice Strategy](https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/disability_act/disability-justice-strategy)

[The Disability Justice Strategy consultation information](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/disability-justice-strategy#:~:text=The%20strategy%20reflects%20the%20ACT,justice%20for%20the%20Canberra%20community)

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