



## National Roadmap to Improve the Health and Mental Health of Autistic People

# Autism Health Roadmap Working Group Meeting 11

The Autism Health Roadmap Working Group (the Working Group) was formed in May 2023 to provide expert advice and oversee development of a National Roadmap to Improve the Health and Mental Health of Autistic People (the Autism Health Roadmap).

## Meeting 11 (4 December 2024)

### Introduction

The meeting was chaired by the Tully Rosen, standing in for Working Group chair Amber Shuhyta.

The meeting was opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and an acknowledgement of country was made.

Members were asked to declare any conflicts of interest that were not previously declared to the secretariat. None were declared.

### Working Group's feedback and key changes

The Department of Health and Aged Care (the department) presented on the most recent changes to the Autism Health Roadmap. Based upon feedback from Working Group members the language has been further improved to strengthening the desired outcomes. Working Group members discussed the changes and provided further valuable feedback.

### Discussion of other critical issues- to be raised by members

Members were invited to raise any other critical issues. They provided frank and constructive feedback and reflected on the journey of creating the Autism Health Roadmap. Comments were made about the broad and greatly varied needs of the autism community, providing a recognised challenge to the task of creating a roadmap that represents all Autistic people. It was noted that the process has had its limitations; however, members acknowledged the considerable efforts the department made to accommodate and incorporate their needs and views.

### Reflections from the deputy co-chairs

The deputy co-chairs built on the reflections shared by members. Deputy co-chairs thanked members for their work and encouraged them to continue their advocacy and engagement to 'breath life' into the Autism Health Roadmap.

**Next step**

Following the meeting the Department emailed the presentations for meeting 11. This was the final meeting for the Autism Health Roadmap Working Group. Final updates will be made to the Autism Health Roadmap before submission to the Minister for Health and Aged Care.