



Australian Government

National
Autism
Strategy



What's our National Autism Strategy?

Easy Read fact sheet



How to use this fact sheet



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this fact sheet.

When you see the word 'we', it means DSS.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 12.



This is an Easy Read summary of a fact sheet.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

www.dss.gov.au/National-Autism-Strategy



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

What's in this fact sheet ?

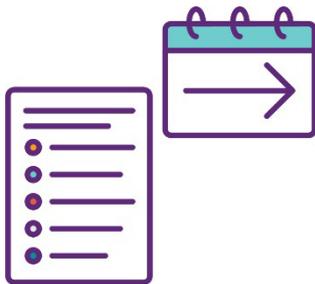
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What's our Strategy about?



We are creating the National Autism **Strategy**.

We call it our Strategy.



A strategy is a plan for how we will do things in the future.



Our Strategy will support people who are on the **autism spectrum**.

The autism spectrum includes the different ways people can experience autism.

Autism is a disability that can affect how you:



- think
- feel
- communicate
- connect and deal with others.



In this summary, we say 'autistic people' when we talk about people who experience autism.



Our Strategy will support autistic people to have better chances in life.



It will make sure they can find and use services, like healthcare.

Our Strategy will also support autistic people to have more chances in:



- school and learning



- finding and keeping a job.

How will we create our Strategy?

When we create our Strategy, we'll work with:



- autistic people



- their families.



We'll ask them to share their ideas and experiences with us.

We'll also talk to:



- researchers



- health care workers



- the autism community.



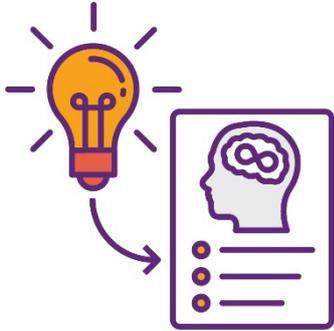
An **Oversight Council** will help us create the Strategy.

An oversight council is a group of people who make sure a project works well.



Our Oversight Council includes autistic people.

How can you share your ideas?



We want to know what you think we should include in our Strategy.

In 2023, we plan to work with:



- autistic people



- their families and carers



- anyone who has experience with autism.



There will be different ways you can be part of how we create our Strategy.



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Word list

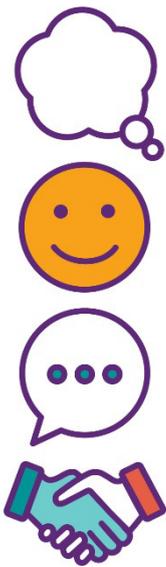
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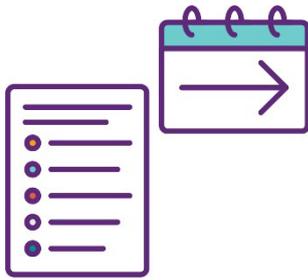
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Strategy

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Contact us



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