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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Roadmap Annual Progress Report 2025

Easy Read Guide Part 1



About our report

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The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing wrote this report.

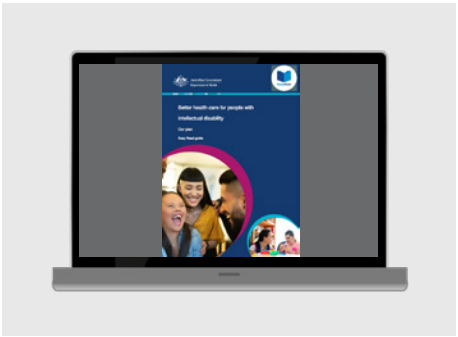


The report is our **annual progress report** about the **Roadmap**.

We will say **report** for short.

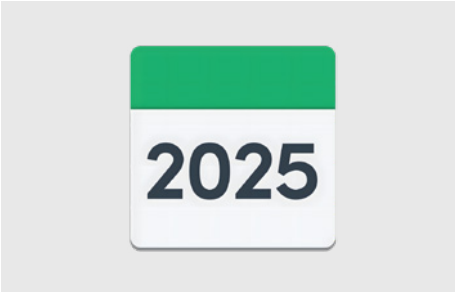


The **Roadmap** is a plan to make health care better for people with intellectual disability.



To read information about the Roadmap go to

www.bit.ly/ER-Roadmap



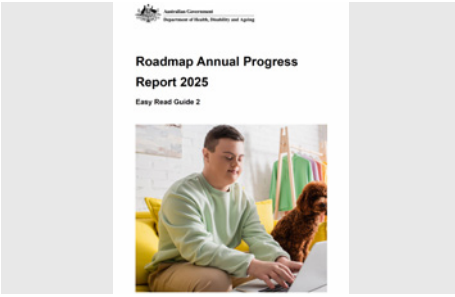
The report says how we went with the Roadmap in 2025.



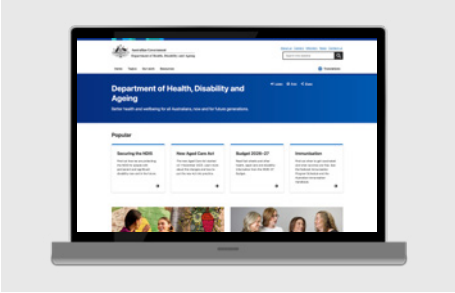
We made 2 Easy Read guides about the report.


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Guide 1 tells you about the report.


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Easy Read Guide 2

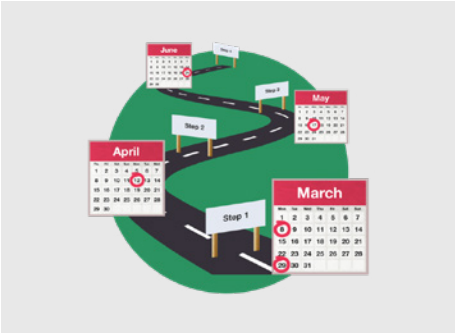
Guide 2 tells you what the report says.


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To read Guide 2 go to our website at

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Actions from the Roadmap



The Roadmap has 116 **actions**.



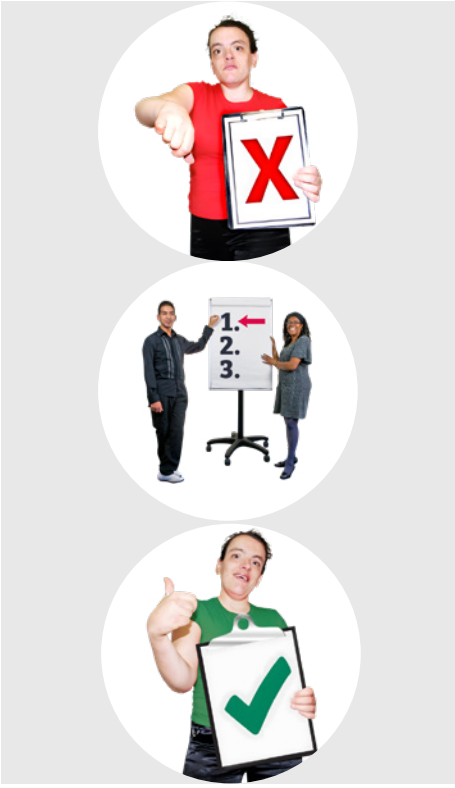
An **action** is something that we need to do.



The report uses 3 **ratings** for the Roadmap actions.



The **ratings** help us see how each action is going.



The 3 ratings are

- **Not commenced** means the action has not been started yet
- **In progress** means the action has been started but there is still work to do
- **Complete** means the action has been finished.



The report also says if each action is **on track** or **not on track**.



On track means the action is going well.



Not on track means more work is needed.



This is where we were at by the end of 2025.

16

Complete

We had finished 16 actions.

30

In progress and on track

We had started 30 actions where work is going well.

61

In progress and not on track

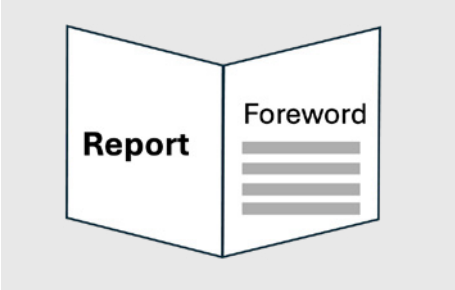
We had started 61 actions where more work is needed.

9

Not commenced

We had not started 9 actions.

Foreword



The foreword at the start of the report says why the report is important.



Michael Kidd wrote the foreword for this report.



He is the **Chief Medical Officer** for Australia.



The **Chief Medical Officer** is a doctor who gives advice to the government about health.

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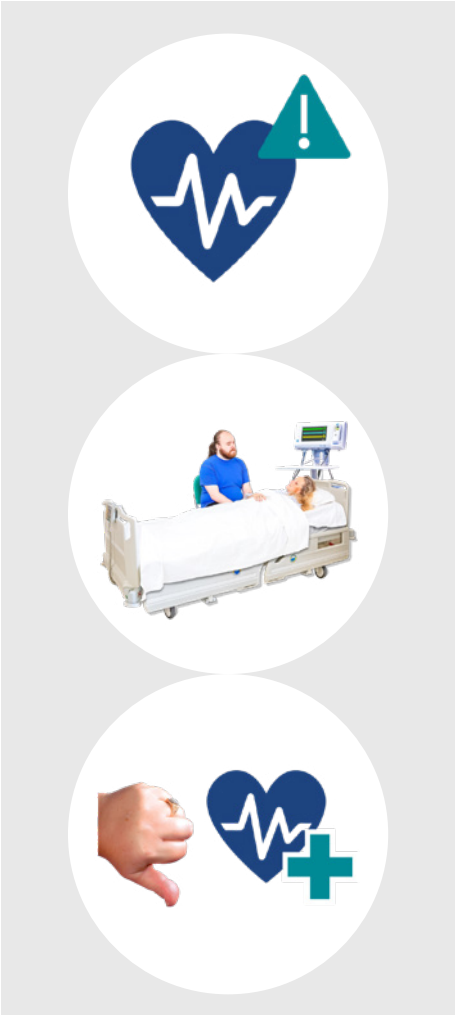
Michael works at the Department of Health Disability and Ageing.



Michael wants health care to be better for all people with disability.



That also means better health care for people with intellectual disability.



We know people with intellectual disability

- Have health problems

• Go to hospital often

- Do not always get the health care they need.



People with intellectual disability should get the same health care as everyone else.



The Roadmap goes for 10 years.



Some good work has happened.



But there is more to do.









We need to

- Help health workers give better care
- Make health services better
- Help health and disability services work together
- Use information to make better decisions.







We need to support health workers to give care that is

- The same for everyone
- Respects all different people
- What the person needs.

Everyone needs to work together like



- Governments



- Health services



- Disability services



- People with intellectual disability



- Families and carers.



There are **barriers** that stop people with intellectual disability getting good health care.



A **barrier** is something that stops you from doing what you

- Want to do

- Need to do.



The Disability Royal Commission said we need to do better for people with disability.

Australian Government

The Australian Government is working to do what the Disability Royal Commission said.



We all need to work together to change things.



People with intellectual disability must be part of this work.



Together we can make health care better for people with intellectual disability.

Intellectual Disability Voice Laura Naing



The report has a part written by someone with intellectual disability.



This lets us hear what is important to people with intellectual disability.



My name is Laura Naing.

I work with

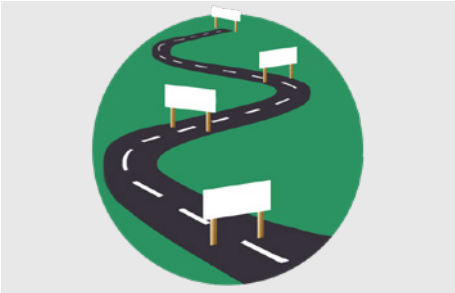
- The NSW Council for Intellectual Disability

- The National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.



I also work on the **Roadmap Implementation Governance Group**.

We call it the **RIGG** for short.



The **RIGG** helps with making the things in the Roadmap happen.



I often hear from people with intellectual disability about their health care experiences.



I also use my own experience to speak up for better health care.



I am worried that health workers do not have to do training about intellectual disability.



Every person with intellectual disability is different.



We all need different support.

Health workers need to learn how to



- Communicate with us



- Understand what we need



- Give us good health care.



Health workers need the right information about us to give us better health care.



I should not have to tell my story at every health appointment.



I need health information I can understand.



More health information should be in Easy Read or Plain English.



I like being part of the RIGG.



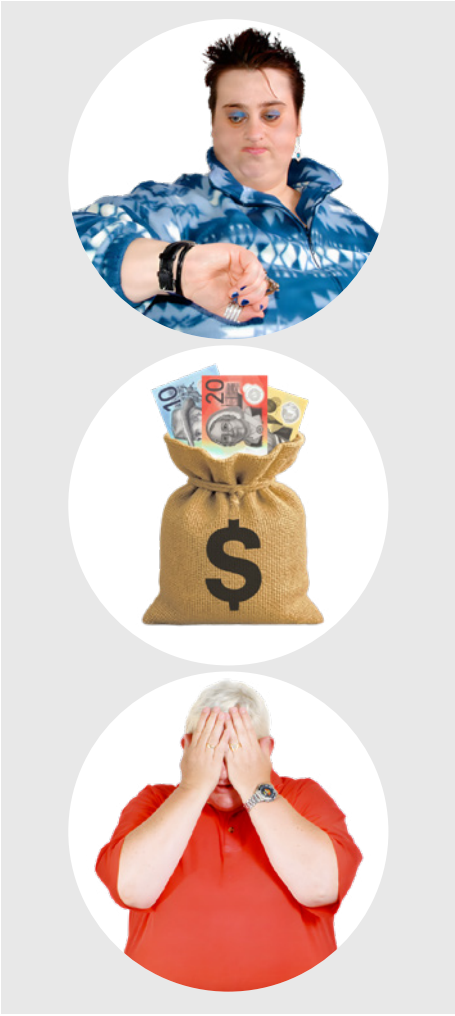
I can share my experience and my ideas.



One thing I care a lot about is **dental care**.



Dental care means looking after our teeth and gums.



Going to the dentist can be stressful because it can

- Take a lot of time

- Cost a lot of money

- Feel scary.



Dentists and dental workers need better training to support people with intellectual disability.



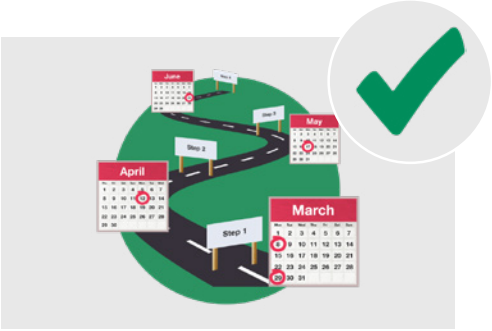
They need to understand what helps us feel calm.



I will keep working with the RIGG to help make these changes happen.

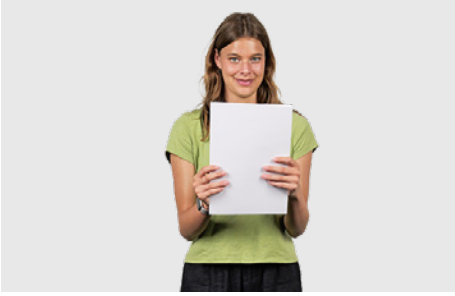


We should all get good health care.



The Roadmap can help make this happen.

Read part 2 of this guide



You can read more about the good work that was done in 2025 for the Roadmap.



That is in the Part 2 Easy Read guide.

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