

Disability Framework for Action 2018-2020

This paper is about the **Disability Framework for Action**.



There are around 127,400 people with disability in Tasmania.



The Disability Framework for Action is Tasmania's plan for improving the lives of people with disability.

We call it the DFA for short.



There is another plan called the National Disability Strategy.

This is Australia's plan for improving the lives of people with disability.



The National Disability Strategy is for 10 years – it started in 2010 and goes until 2020.

Both plans help governments work on making life better for people with disability.

The Strategy is working on 6 main areas.

1. Taking part in the community



Helping people with disability take part in the activities they enjoy by:

Making it easier for people with disability to use places, buildings and other things like:

- passenger transport
- swimming pools
- libraries
- parks
- sporting arenas



Making websites and information easier to use and understand.

2. Rights and fair treatment



Protecting the rights of people with disability.
Making sure everyone is treated fairly.



This includes:

- Laws against **discrimination**.

Discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly because of who they are or what they look like:

- Advocacy
- Making a complaint
- Voting

- **Justice system**

The Justice system is the courts and the law.

3. Work, money and housing



Helping people with disability who want to work.



Supporting people with disability who are not able to work.



Helping people with disability to find and stay in a house they like.

4. Getting support

Some people with disability need support in everyday life.



Support can come from different places

- disability services
- community services
- family and friends

5. Learning and skills



People with disability should have the same opportunities as everyone else to learn and develop new skills.

This includes very young children through to older people with disability.

6. Health and wellbeing

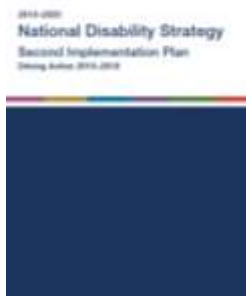


Health services should meet everyone's needs.

People with disability should be able to take part in activities that make their health better.



National Disability Strategy – Second Plan 2015 – 2018



We have 2 plans.

These are called implementation plans.

They help us make sure everybody knows what the Strategy wants them to do.

It builds on the things people are already doing to make things better.



In the second implementation plan, there are 4 areas.

All governments are working on these together:



- **National Disability Insurance Scheme**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is also called the NDIS.



The NDIS is the new way to help people with disability get care and supports:

- Making things better for people with disability who work or want to work.



- Making things better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.



- Helping more people understand about the National Disability Strategy and its goals.

How is the DFA put into practice?



Each state government department has a **Disability Action Plan**.

These plans show how we are going to make things better for people with disability.



If you want to see the Disability Action Plans you can see these on the internet at:

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/policy/Policy Work/disability framework for action](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/policy/Policy_Work/disability_framework_for_action)

How do we know if it is working?



The **Premier's Disability Advisory Council** keeps an eye on the Strategy.

We call them PDAC for short.



PDAC is a group of people who are interested in people with disability.

Some members have a disability or are carers.

Some work in the disability sector.

They give advice to the government about disability issues.

PDAC keep an eye on the strategy by:



- Getting reports from Tasmanian Government Departments on how they are helping make life better for people with disability.



- Getting the heads of Departments to go to PDAC meetings to talk about their plans.



- Writing a report every year to Government. They write about the good things and things that need to get better.



You can see the 2016 PDAC report on the internet here:

http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/policy/advisory_groups/premiers_disability_advisory_council