



About the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*

Disability planning

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How to use this document



This information is written in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some words are written in **green**. We explain what these words mean. There is a list of these words on page 13.



This Easy Read document is a summary of another document.



You can find the other document on our website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/dia



You can ask for help to read this document.
A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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What is the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*?



The *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* is a new law for people with disability in NSW.



Inclusion is about making sure that people with disability can take part in our community.

This means that you can:



- do the things you want to do



- get into buildings and get around



- get a job or study if that's right for you



- use services



- get the information you need



- feel safe



- feel included.



In NSW, we used to have a law called the *Disability Services Act 1993*.

The old law has now been replaced by the new law.



The new *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* has been passed by the NSW Parliament.



This means that the politicians have agreed on what the new law says.

There is still some work to be done though.



We are currently working on the *Disability Inclusion Regulation*.

In this document, we call this the **Regulation**.



This is a set of rules that will explain how the new law will work in practice.



We are going to publish a draft of the Regulation soon.



We will ask what people think of it.



Once the Regulation is finished, we will start to use the new law.

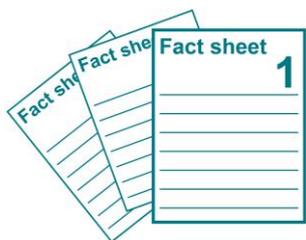
This fact sheet explains disability planning



This fact sheet is about Part 2 of the new law, which is about disability planning.



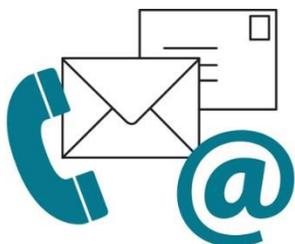
Disability planning is the way that the NSW government and local councils can make sure that people with disability are included in our community.



If you would like more general information about the new law and what it says, please take a look at fact sheet 1.



All of the fact sheets are on our website.



Or, you can ask us for the fact sheets. Our contact details are on page 14.

What is the State Disability Inclusion Plan?



The new law says that the NSW Government must write a document called the State Disability Inclusion Plan.



This plan explains how the NSW government will work towards making NSW a better place for people with disability.



The plan will say how different parts of the government should work together to improve the lives of people with disability.



The NSW Government must ask people with disability what they think about the State Disability Inclusion Plan.



This plan will be for 4 years.



After 4 years, the NSW Government will check to make sure the plan is working well.

What is a Disability Inclusion Action Plan?



Under the new law, all government departments in NSW will need to write a Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

And all local councils will need to have an Action Plan as well.

An Action Plan says what the government department or local council will do to make things better for people with disability.

Each Action Plan must show:



- how it supports the main ideas of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*



- how it supports the main ideas of the State Disability Inclusion Plan



- what action will be taken to support people with disability



- what action will be taken to help people with disability use services



- how people with disability had the chance to share their ideas about the plan.



It's important that people with disability can have a say about the Action Plans.



Each department or council must ask people with disability what they think about the Action Plan.



That way, people with disability can say if the plan meets their needs.

Help for writing plans



The NSW Government will create some tools to help the government departments and councils make their Action Plans.



These tools will make it easier to write a good plan.



The **Disability Council of NSW** can help people in government departments and local councils when they are writing their plans.



The Disability Council of NSW is a group of people who give advice about services for people with disability.



The new law says that the Disability Council of NSW should also be given the plans when they are finished.

Word list



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A group of people who give advice about services for people with disability.



Inclusion

Making sure that everyone is included in our community, such as being able to get around and do the things you want to do.



Regulation

This is a set of rules that will explain how the new law will work in practice.

Where to get more information



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