

New Disability Inclusion Legislation

Fact Sheet Two

Disability Inclusion Planning

What is happening?

The State Government intends to introduce new disability legislation that has a focus on improving access and inclusion for South Australians with disability to ensure that all citizens can participate in their communities.

Under the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the State Government will no longer directly fund services. Instead, the National Disability Insurance Agency will work with eligible individuals to create a personal budget to pay for their chosen services and support. The Disability Services Act 1993 will therefore no longer be required.

Feedback is sought on the draft Disability Inclusion Bill.

Disability inclusion planning is a key requirement of the draft Disability Inclusion Bill.

It is proposed that a State Disability Inclusion Plan will be developed every four years in consultation with people with disability. It is also proposed that State Government departments, statutory authorities and local councils develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) every four years in consultation with people with disability. Under the draft Bill it is proposed that State Government departments, statutory authorities and local councils report on the progress of their DAIPs on an annual basis.

The State Disability Inclusion Plan will set an overarching framework, providing for collaboration and coordination across government and local councils.

DAIPs will align with the six outcome areas of the National Disability Strategy (NDS). It is proposed that the plans will provide a mechanism for reporting on the implementation of the NDS in South Australia.

What is access and inclusion planning?

DAIPs detail the ways in which agencies plan to improve access to their services and programs by addressing barriers and identifying actions to ensure that people with disability can contribute to, and participate more fully in, their communities.



What does this mean for State Government departments, statutory authorities and local councils?

Under the draft Disability Inclusion Bill, it is proposed that all State Government departments, statutory authorities and local councils prepare and implement DAIPs in consultation with people with disability every four years.

State Government departments, statutory authorities and many local councils are already preparing these plans. Including this requirement in the draft Bill will place greater rigor and emphasis on disability inclusion planning.

Resources, including guidelines and a reporting template, have been developed by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) to assist in preparing these plans. DCSI will also provide advice and support, particularly for agencies and local councils that have not previously developed DAIPs. Rural councils could also work together to develop a regional DAIP.

Engagement process

We would like to hear your feedback about the proposed Bill. Your ideas are welcome and encouraged.

It may not be possible to incorporate all feedback into the new Bill. Some ideas might be better addressed through policies, or through collaboration with other agencies and providers responsible for mainstream services. Your input will help shape this work.

There will also be opportunities to provide feedback when the new legislation is reviewed in three years and we have a better idea of how things are working under the NDIS.

We will listen to what you have to say and at the end of the engagement process we will explain how we have used your feedback.

