



Australian Government

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Disability Safeguards Consultation

Consultation Overview





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Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

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

We say **DHDA** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means DHDA.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

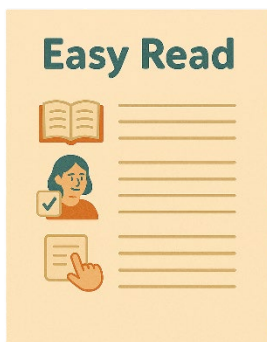
Bold

We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us

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You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About our consultation



This is the start of our **consultation**.

Consultation is when the government works with the disability community.

It makes sure that the government is listening to communities.

This helps the government make better plans to support people with disability.



The consultation will help us write the

- Disability Support **Quality** and **Safeguarding Framework**

We call it the **Safeguarding Framework** for short.



Quality means services that

- Helps people



- People get what they need



- People feel happy with the service



- The service does everything they are supposed to.



Safeguarding means protecting people with disability from harm.



A framework is how we will do something.



- Disability Support **Ecosystem**
Safeguarding **Strategy**

We call it the **Safeguarding Strategy** for short.



Ecosystem is everything working together.

This means that disability services work together to support people with disability.



A strategy is a plan for how to do something.

Why do we need to do the consultation



The **Disability Royal Commission** looked at how people with disability are treated.

We call it **DRC** for short.



DRC wrote a report.

The report had **recommendations**.

Recommendations are ideas to do things better.



The recommendations said to improve safeguards for people with disability.



To work on the recommendation the government will make the Safeguarding

- Framework
- Strategy.



We will make the Safeguarding Framework first.

Working with the disability community



To do this work well we need to be listening to people with disability.

They need to be involved.



This is why we are asking people with disability to be involved from the start.



We are still working out what the Safeguarding Framework will look like.

Your ideas will help us.



We know the Safeguarding Framework needs to improve

- Safety
- Quality

For supports and services for people with disability.



Our Consultation paper has some of these ideas.

None of these have been agreed on yet.



We used ideas that we have already heard to write the consultation paper.



You can read our consultation paper on our website.

consultations.health.gov.au/disability-and-carers-group/disability-safeguards-consultation/

It is in Easy Read.

Your ideas



We know lots of people have told the government about their experience to

- Other consultations



- DRC



- NDIS review

A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



We do **not** want people to say things they have already told us.



We want to make sure everyone can have a say about the Safeguarding

- Framework
- Strategy.

Feedback



You can do this by sharing

- **Feedback**

Feedback says what you think about something.

It will help

- Find problems
- Make it better in the future.



- Ideas



- Experiences

Who we have worked with so far



Lots of people are helping us with our consultation.

To help

- Write the consultation paper
- Know how to do our consultation



We talked with

- **Australian Healthcare Associates**

We call them **AHA** for short



Australian Federation of
Disability Organisations

- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations.

We call them **AFDO** for short.

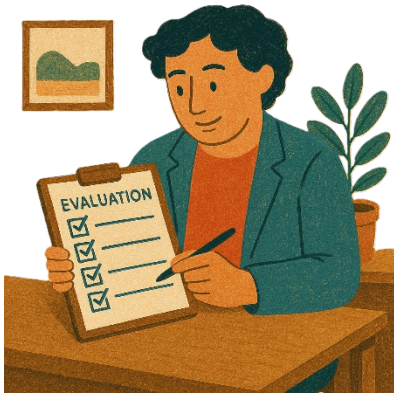


AHA and AFDO will make sure people with disability can take part in this work.



AFDO do **advocacy** work.

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



We need to know how to **evaluate** our Safeguarding Framework.

Evaluate means you look at what

- Went well
- Could be done better.

You can do an evaluation of a

- Service
- Program
- Plan.



To help us evaluate our Safeguarding Framework we have talked with

- Disability **lived experience** team

Lived experience means someone who has a disability.

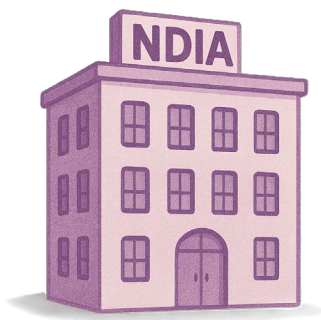
They know what it feels like.

They have **not** just read about it in a book.



- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DROs** for short.



To help us know how to do our consultation we talked with

- **National Disability Insurance Agency**

We call it **NDIA** for short

They look after the NDIS.

Putting all the information together



We will use all the ideas to write the Safeguarding

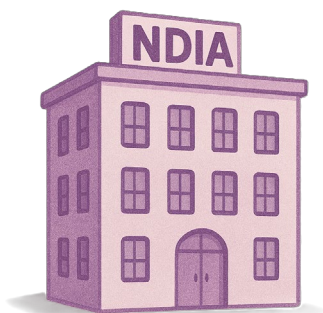
- Framework
- Strategy.



We will closely work with

- **NDIS Safeguards and Quality Commission**

We call it **NDIS Commission** for short.



- NDIA



- State and territory governments.



We will have more consultations.

This will make sure lots of people can share their ideas.



You can go to the website to see what other consultations we have.



You can sign up to get email updates.

Other Easy Reads for this consultation



We have Easy Reads for different parts of this consultation.

You can look at them on our website.



- Consultation paper

This Easy Read is in **2 parts**.



- Common questions people ask

This Easy Read is in **2 parts**.



- **Survey**

Surveys have questions about your ideas.

This Easy Read is in **3 parts**.



PRIVACY

- **Privacy Notice**

This explains how we will look after any information you give us.

This Easy Read is in **1 part**.



You can read them our website.

consultations.health.gov.au/disability-and-carers-group/disability-safeguards-consultation/

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Contact us



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