



Australian Government

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Disability Safeguards Consultation

Consultation paper

Part 1





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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.

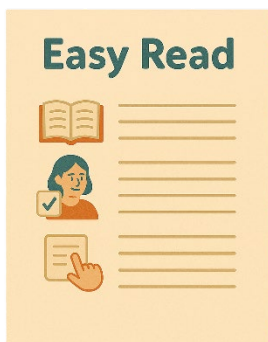
Bold

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 this document



This document has 2 parts.



Part 1 talks about

- What we want to do



- Writing 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 we want to do it



- Who will help us.



Part 2 talks about

- How to take part in the **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 **survey** has 3 parts.

Surveys have questions about your ideas.



You can go to our website to for the surveys.

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

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What we want to do



The Australian Government wants to make **safeguards** better for people with disability.



Safeguards are things that protect the **rights** of people.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

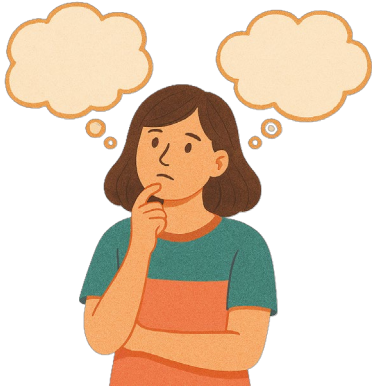
- Fair
- Equal.



Safeguards also help people have

- Choice
- Control

Over their lives.



There are 2 types of safeguards

- **Formal**
- **Informal.**



Formal safeguards are done by

- The government
- Organisations.



Informal safeguards are done by

- Family
- Friends
- People in the community.



To make it safe for people with disability the government is making the Safeguarding

- Framework



- Strategy



The Safeguarding

- Framework
- Strategy

Plans to support **all** people with disability.

Why do we need a Safeguarding Framework and Strategy



The NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework was made in 2016.

It was done when the NDIS was started in states and territories.



The NDIS **review** was done in 2023.

A review is when you check what

- Works
- Needs to change.



The NDIS review said it was **not** working anymore.



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

We call it **DRC** for short.



DRC found that people with disability had more of a **risk** of abuse than people without disability.

Risks are the chance that something bad might happen to you.



They said it was **not** just people who had NDIS supports.

It could happen to people who do **not** get NDIS supports too.



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.

What will the Safeguarding Framework and Strategy do



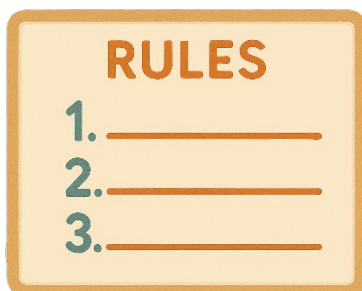
The Safeguarding

- Framework
- Strategy

Plans to support all people with disability.

People who

- Get NDIS supports
- Do **not** get NDIS supports.



They will

1. Set rules

The rules will say the ways for services and supports to work to meet the needs for people with disability.



2. **Empower** people with disability to be able to get good services and use safeguards

Empower means give you the confidence to speak up for what you need.



3. Make safeguards stronger for people with disability

This also means safeguards working together.

When safeguards work together people with disability are

- Safer
- Get better support.

Writing the Safeguarding Framework and Strategy



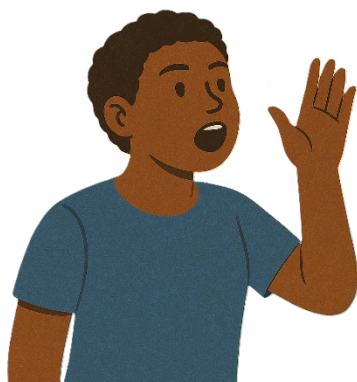
We will use lots of ideas to write the Safeguarding

- Framework
- Strategy.



We will use ideas

- We hear in this **consultation**



- People have already told us



- From **research**

Research means

- Finding out what people think about things
- Using the information to **help others**.



We will keep adding to the Safeguarding Framework and Strategy as we learn more.

This will help it keep working well.

Who is helping us

The Australian Government is working with

- **Australian Healthcare Associates**



We call it **AHA** for short.



AHA are **experts** in

- Disability
- Doing consultation.

Experts are people who know a lot about something.



**Australian Federation of
Disability Organisations**

AHA are working with **Australian Federation of Disability Organisations**.

We call it **AFDO** for short.



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**.

Making tools



We have asked **ARTD Consultants** to work with the disability community to make **tools**.

We call it **ARTD** for short.

Consultants work with people on projects.



Tools are

- Information
- Strategies
- Ideas.

All of them can be used to do a task.



We want to make tools to

- Say what changes we think will happen



- How disability services will be
 - Good
 - Safe



- How to say the Safeguarding Framework and Strategy is working.



ARTD has started this work.

They have had **workshops** to hear ideas about the different types of tools.

A workshop is when a group of people meet to talk about something.



We will check with people with disability to make sure the tools work.

Contact us



You can contact us if you **need more information.**



You can send us an email.

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- 5pm **AEST**

Between

- Monday
- Friday.



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- Queensland

When it is **not** daylight savings time.

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