



National Disability
Research Partnership

Strategic Plan

2024 – 2029

Our story

The first four years

A National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) has long been a dream for the disability community. Funding from the Australian Government allowed work to start on the Establishment Phase in 2020. Over four years, the NDRP Working Party reached out to the disability community for advice and feedback on how a National Disability Research Partnership could best be established.

Achievements in this period include:

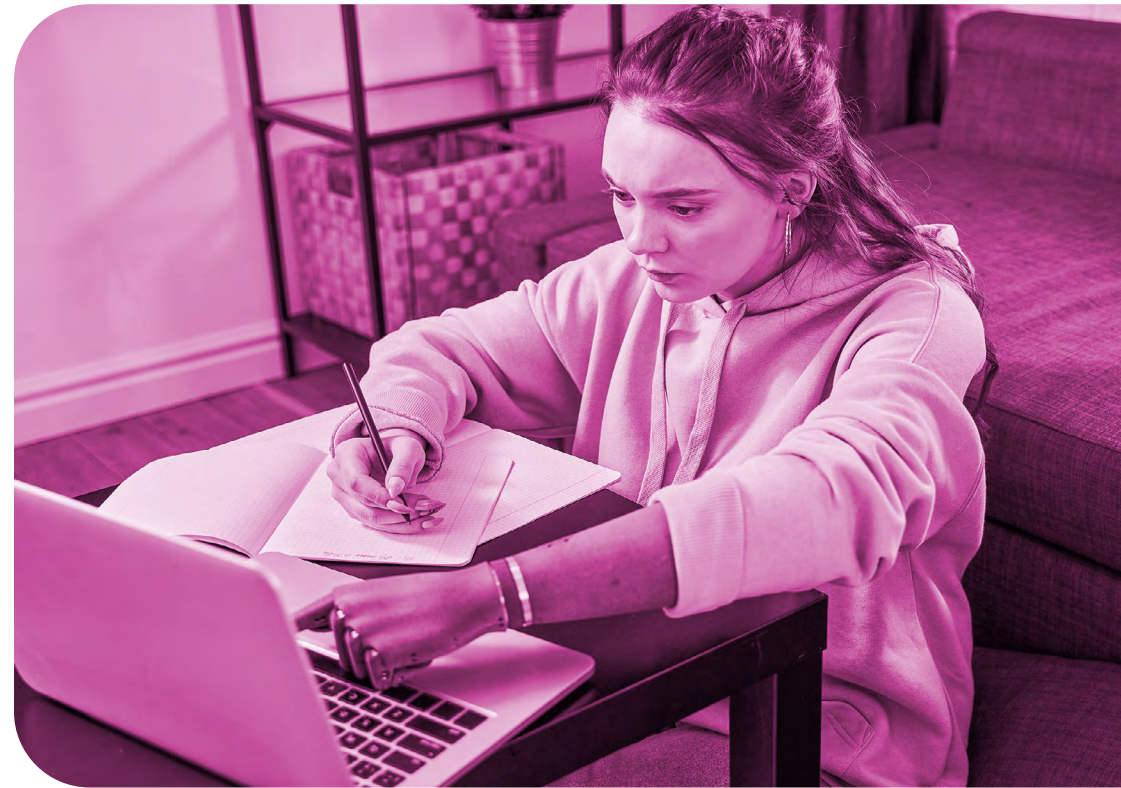
- Developed the [NDRP guiding principles](#)
- Worked with the disability community to develop the [NDRP Research Agenda](#)
- Set up the [Disability Research Collection](#) with the Analysis & Policy Observatory
- Developed a plan for strengthening [disability research capacity](#)
- Ran a pilot [funding](#) round to set the foundation for future funding rounds
- Developed a [governance structure](#) outlining who should run the NDRP and how, the first Board of Directors and the NDRP constitution
- Created an approach for research commissioned by governments and other funders
- Developed ideas about how best to mobilise evidence for action

We could not have achieved any of this without the generosity of the disability community. We are so grateful for all the knowledge, feedback and ideas shared with us over the first four years, and we look forward to this continuing for the next five years.

The next five years

In 2024 the NDRP was established as an independent, not for profit organisation. Thanks to significant funding from the Australian Government, we have developed guiding principles and strategic focus areas to work towards our vision of disability-led research transforming policy and practice in Australia. We will implement this over the next 5 years, using funding from diverse sources.

We will regularly share our progress in implementing this Strategic Plan as well as the outcomes of our work.





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The change we are seeking

Our vision

Policy and practice in Australia are transformed by disability-led research.

Our purpose

Facilitate collaborative and inclusive disability research that builds evidence for policy and practice to advance the rights of people with disability.

Our guiding principles

- Advance high-quality research that informs disability policy and practice in Australia
- Value the knowledge of people with disability in research
- Strengthen disability research capacity
- Share research findings widely in useful and accessible ways.

Our strategic focus areas

To achieve our vision, purpose and guiding principles we will:



Build a sustainable foundation



Fund research done by and with people with disability



Strengthen disability research capacity



Mobilise evidence for action

The roles we are playing

Leading and enabling

We are led and informed by people with disability in everything we do knowing this leads to the greatest impact in research, knowledge mobilisation and policy and practice.

Partnering and collaborating

We partner and collaborate with people with disability and their representative organisations, governments, policymakers, universities, researchers and philanthropy to achieve our vision.

Advancing research capacity and NDRP's research priorities

We fund research and keep the research agenda current, so it continues to reflect the priorities of people with disability.



Strategic focus areas



Build a sustainable foundation.

Objectives:

- Engage, collaborate and build long term partnerships
- Secure ongoing funding and support for the NDRP as an enduring enabler for disability led and inclusive research, strengthening capacity and evidence to action



Fund research done by and with people with disability.

Objectives:

- Fund research aligned to the NDRP research agenda
- Partner with governments and other external agencies to fund and commission research guided by the research agenda
- Monitor and evolve the NDRP research agenda over time with people with disability and their representative organisations



Strengthen disability research capacity.

Objectives:

- Advocate for, facilitate, and fund initiatives to increase the pool of researchers with disability
- Foster institutional and systemic enablers for disability led and inclusive research
- Enhance capacity for disability led and inclusive research



Mobilise evidence for action.

Objectives:

- Improve the accessibility and availability of evidence related to disability
- Strengthen capacity for the use of evidence in policy and practice.

Our Guiding Principles



Advance high-quality research that informs disability policy and practice in Australia

- Promote collaborative research across Australia
- Implement the NDRP Research Agenda
- Build an evidence base that informs Australian disability policy and practice



Value the knowledge of people with disability in research

- Respect different sources and forms of knowledge and research
- Support research that gives people with disability real decision-making power
- Support research that involves a wide range of people with disability, including those who are often left out or are not well represented in research
- Make sure people with disability are paid properly for their research work



Strengthen disability research capacity

- Build an active and connected community of disability researchers
- Build career pathways for researchers with disability
- Strengthen Australia's capacity to conduct disability research
- Build capacity in the community to develop and use evidence produced by research



Share research findings widely in useful and accessible ways

- Make information available in accessible and useful ways
- Share what we learn with the disability and wider community
- Use a range of new and traditional ways to share research findings.

Our Values



Our Values	How we work
Inclusion	We promote inclusion through non-discrimination, accessibility and support. We continue to learn and improve our ways of working and actions.
Integrity	We are open, honest and transparent. We build trust and are open to new ideas and feedback. We are ethical in our approach and committed to our guiding principles.
Respect	We listen to and learn from people with diverse perspectives and ways of knowing. We value different experiences and opinions. We respect people, country and culture.
Excellence	We are rigorous and strive for excellence in our work by learning, reviewing and evaluating process, outputs and outcomes
Collaboration	We work together, collaborate and draw on each other's strengths to achieve our vision and purpose.