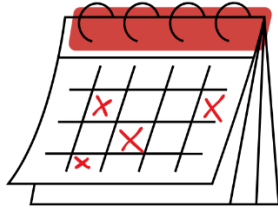


# Disability reform community forums

## Final report



## Introduction



In February 2025 there were 11 community forums across Queensland and online.



These were events for

- people with disability
- their families or carers
- advocacy and community organisations
- disability service providers
- government
- the community.



They were in

- Brisbane
- Toowoomba
- Ipswich
- Gold Coast
- Mackay
- Rockhampton
- Cairns.



There were 3 online forums.



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The forums were organised by QDN and the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety.



The forums were about

- connecting with people
- sharing information about making changes to the disability sector
- talking about people's ideas for making change.



During the forums we asked people about the things they think are the most important to work on as part of disability reforms.



This report is about what was talked about at the forums and the ideas we heard from people.

## **Background information**



During the Disability Royal Commission and NDIS Review a lot of people with disability shared their stories and ideas.



We heard about

- people's good and bad stories
- things that were important to people
- things they wanted to change.



After the Disability Royal Commission and NDIS Review, the Queensland Government wrote the Queensland Disability Reform Framework. We call this the Framework.



The Framework is a guide to how the Queensland Government will do the work they need to do.



It was based off what the Disability Royal Commission and NDIS Review said needs to change.



QDN helped to write a document called the Queensland Disability Stakeholder Engagement and Co-Design Strategy. We call this the Strategy.



The Strategy is about how we can work together to design the changes that are in the Queensland Disability Reform Framework.



The forums were the start of the work QDN is doing with people.

### **What were people's most important ideas?**



During the forums people talked about the areas they think are the most important to change.



People could choose from this list

- Inclusion and participation
- Empowerment
- Partnership with people with disability
- Mainstream services
- Foundational Supports
- NDIS participant experience
- NDIS systems and frameworks
- Quality and safeguards
- Disability workforce
- Inclusive governance
- Government partnerships
- Evidence and accountability



Looking at what everyone said, people said  
the most important areas are

- Foundational Supports
- Mainstream services
- Disability workforce.



Foundational Supports are services outside  
the NDIS for people with disability.



Mainstream services are services that  
everyone uses like

- hospitals
- schools
- public transport.





Disability workforce are the people that have jobs working with people with disability

- health professionals
- support workers
- NDIS workers.



At the forums we talked to people who live in the city and people who live in the smaller towns.



The things these groups thought were important were mostly the same.



The big difference was that people who live in smaller towns thought that workforce was really important.



People said we should start doing work on some things right now.



These are

- Foundational Supports
- partnerships with people with disability
- inclusion and participation



Partnerships with people with disability is all about working with people with disability.



Inclusion and participation is making sure everyone can be involved and be heard.

**What is next?**



We thank everyone who came to a forum.



QDN is writing this report for the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Services.



They will listen to your ideas and will work to make a plan.



The plan will be for the work

- right now (3-6 months)
- short term (6-12 months)
- longer term (12-18 months)



We will be starting to work with people on making changes together.



Lots of different people can be a part of the work

- in the Co-design Team
- community forums
- co-design workshops
- learning about co-design.



If you want to be involved or to find out more information, you can contact QDN to find out what opportunities there are.



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