

QUEENSLAND STAKEHOLDER **ENGAGEMENT & CO-DESIGN** STRATEGY



Community forums May and June 2025

Learn how Queensland is shaping an inclusive future for people with disability through co-design and collaboration



Welcome and acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to the Elders – past, present and emerging – and acknowledge the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within the community.

QDN also acknowledges people with disability who have come before us and died in institutional settings, as well as those who are still trapped in institutions or silenced by institutional practices.

We acknowledge the significant contribution of Queenslanders with disability to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability and the Independent Review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



Overview of today's session

1. National reform work update
2. Queensland Disability Stakeholder Engagement and Co-design Strategy update
3. Activity 1 - *Foundational Supports: What targeted supports could look like in our community*
4. Debrief discussion and next steps
5. Close and thanks



National reform work update

- National reforms
- Queensland work – QDRF and prioritisation based on what we heard in the first round of forums



Queensland Disability Stakeholder Engagement and Co-design Strategy update

- Feedback from the first round of forums – priorities include Foundational Supports, mainstream services and disability workforce
- DRISC and workplan established
- Project partnerships established and being utilised to inform Foundational Support ‘deep dives’ in regional Queensland
- Co-design team selection based on EOI
- Capacity building training still in prototype phase, delivery 75% complete
- Digital clearing house - design established and population with content about to commence
- Co-design Hub - focus on targeted Foundational Supports in 0 - 9 cohort and QCSS service responses – principles, elements of design, transition considerations, cultural considerations



Foundational Support Definitions (Targeted Supports)

- The Independent Review of the NDIS proposed Foundational Supports should be categorised into two kinds of services ‘General’ and ‘Targeted’.
- Recommendations included 4 areas of Targeted Support
 - Early Supports – 0-8s
 - Home and Community Care
 - Psychosocial Supports
 - Young people with disability transitioning from high school to adulthood
- Today we are focused on targeted foundational supports for children aged under 9 and their families, carers and kin.
- It’s important to know that no decisions have been made about how foundational supports will work.



Foundational Support Definitions (Targeted Supports) cont.

- In a consultation paper prepared by the Department of Social Services in 2024, targeted Foundational Supports – Early Supports are for children with developmental delay and their families, who need more assistance than mainstream services and General Foundational Supports.

Mainstream
Services

Foundational
Supports

NDIS

- The consultation paper said the purpose is to:
 - help families better understand their child's specific needs, how they understand their world and how to help their development
 - give more tailored, early intervention support to help the child develop in the area they are delayed.



Key principles that have been generated during discussions to date

- Child, family and community led
- Culturally informed
- Responsive
- Equitable
- Integrated
- Holistic
- High quality
- Sustainable



4 key areas to explore

- **Assessment/referrals:** Entry point into accessing supports - Identifying a child's needs and matching child to appropriate supports
- **Family support and capacity building:** Helping families navigate and build their own capacity.
- **Early intervention supports:** Helping children and families early
- **Allied health supports:** Allied health supports are therapists, for example, speech therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists when and where needed



Activity - Foundational Supports: What targeted supports could look like in our community

Discovery

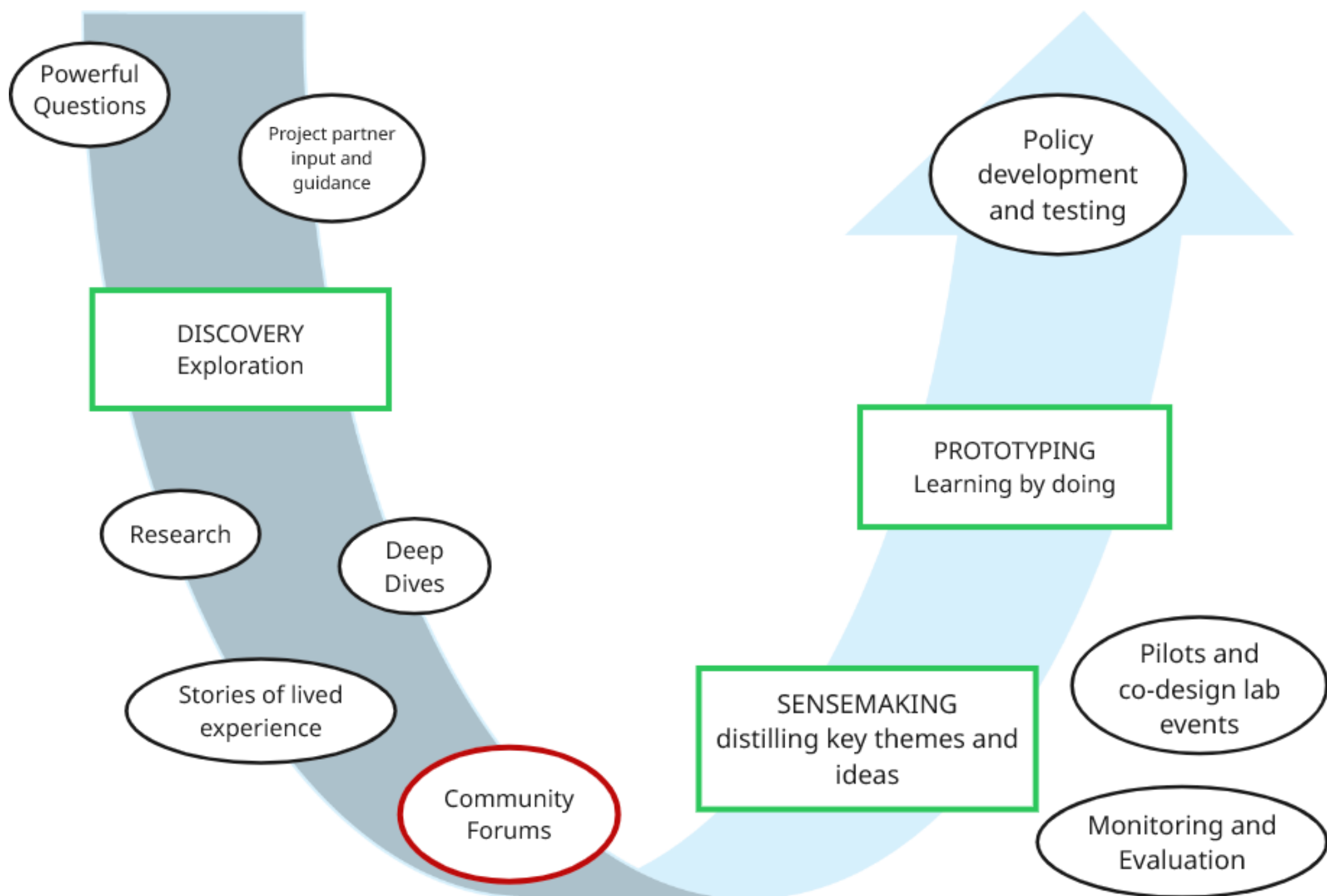
- What already works well in this community?
- What does this look like across the four areas?

Sensemaking

- What is missing?
- What has been helpful before but now isn't part of ecosystem of supports that should be here?

Prototyping

- What are important things that need to be considered?
- Who will provide the service?
- What are the key points where children and families link with other systems?
- How will families find out about it and know who to talk to?
- Is there a workforce?





Counselling support services

- **Lifeline** – 13 11 14 – Call Lifeline 24/7 for crisis support and suicide prevention services. Text support is also available – 0477 131 114.
- **Beyond Blue** – 1300 224 636 – Call Beyond Blue 24/7 for advice, referral and support from a trained mental health professional.
- **13 Yarn** – 13 92 76 – 13 YARN is a 24/7 national crisis support line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- **QLife** – 1800 184 527 – QLife offers phone and online anonymous LGBTIQ+ support and referral. 3pm-midnight local time every day.
- **DVConnect** – 1800 811 811 – DVConnect offers a 24/7 domestic violence helpline for Queenslanders to find a pathway to safety.
- **Blue Knot** - 1300 657 380 - 7 days a week between 9am - 5pm AEST/AEDT



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