



Absolutely everyone

State disability plan 2017 to 2020

Department of Health and Human Services



Easy English

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word it is **blue**.

We will say what the hard word means.

What this book is about



This book is about the **state disability plan** in Victoria. In this book we call it the **plan**.

The plan says how the Victorian government will help people.

The Victorian government calls the plan **Absolutely everyone**.



Absolutely everyone means that this plan is for every person in Victoria.



Every person in Victoria should read the plan.



Every person should work together to make Victoria a better place to live.



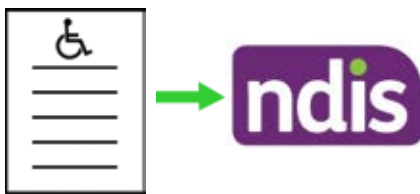
The plan will start in 2017 and end in 2020.

Our vision



The Victorian government wants Victoria to be better at helping people with a disability so they can live the best life they can.

The plan and the NDIS



By 2020 most people with a disability will be part of the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**. We call it the **NDIS**.



The NDIS is for people with a disability to get the care and supports they need.

The plan will work with the NDIS.

Who wrote the plan?



The Victorian government asked a lot of people to help them write the plan.

Some of those people have a disability.



They told the Victorian government what people with a disability want.



Everyone said that people with a disability want to be a part of their **community**.

Community means the people and places around you.

How will the plan help me?



The plan will help you to be part of your community.



To be part of your community you need to

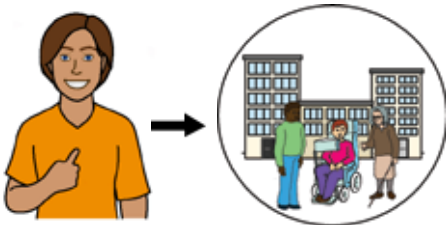
- feel **included** in your community



- feel healthy and have a home



- feel safe



- feel like you can **contribute** to your community. Contribute means to give something.

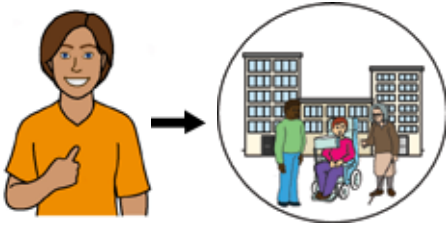


Feel included in your community

To be part of the community you need to feel **included**. You will feel included if people want you to be with them.



You will feel included if you can go to places in your community.



You will feel included if you can **participate** in things that happen in your community.

Participate means you can join in and do things.

If you have a disability you may need help to feel included.

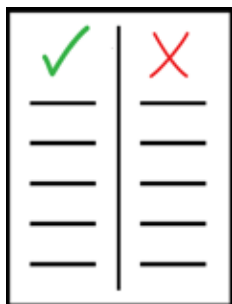


You may need help to move around your community. For example, you may need help to travel on a train.



You may need help to do things that other people do. For example, you may need help to talk to people.

What we will do to help you feel included



The plan has a list of things that will help you feel included in your community.



It will show everyone that there are many things people with a disability can do.

This will help everyone to understand each other better.



We will make it easier to get into buildings and move around areas.



We will make it easier for people with a disability to use public transport.



We will also make it easier for people with a disability to go to the same schools as everyone else.



We will make **apartments** better for people with a disability. Apartments are a type of house.

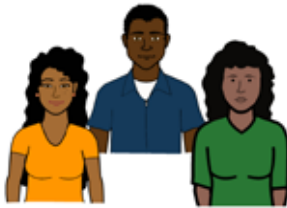


We will make the community better for people with a disability.



We will write a plan to make government information easier to understand.

You will get more help if you are **not** included in your community for other reasons. For



example, if you have a disability **and** you

- are an **indigenous** Australian. Indigenous Australians are the first Australians.



- are **LGBTI**. This means you are

- lesbian
- gay
- bisexual
- transgender
- intersex.



- are a **refugee**. A refugee is someone who needs to live in Australia because their own country is **not** safe.



- are a **veteran**. A veteran is someone who was a soldier.



We will do things to make sure that people with a disability who do **not** speak English or live in country areas can get help with the NDIS.

Feel healthy and have a home



You need to be healthy and have a home to live well.

The plan has a list of things that will help you to be healthy and well.

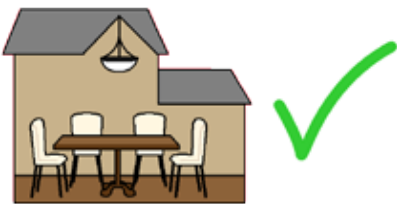


To be healthy you need to

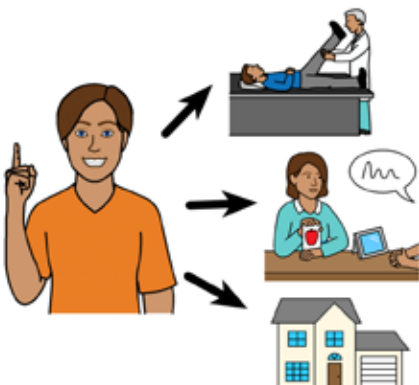
- eat good food



- exercise your body



- live in a house that is warm and comfortable



- know what services to go to if you are sick or need help.

What we will do to help you feel healthy and have a home



We will ask health services to write

disability action plans.

Disability action plans are books that will help hospitals and doctors look after people with a disability better.



The plan will make it easier for people with a disability to get a house to live in.



This means it will be easier to

- buy a house

or

- pay rent for a house.



We will tell people with a disability about more ways to be healthy, for example

- go to the dentist



- check if you have cancer



- have babies

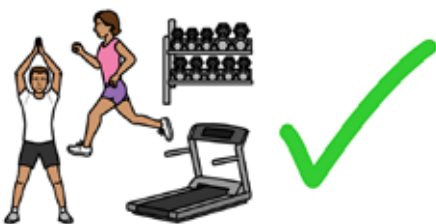


- safe sex.

We will find better ways to support people with more than 1 disability.



We will help children and parents with a disability as their children grow up.



The plan will make it easier for people with a disability to exercise. This means we will make it easier for you to go to a park or play sport.



We will make it easier for you to access the NDIS.



We will help health services and disability services to give good support.



We will work with places like schools and hospitals to give better support to people with a disability.



We will train support workers so that they can be even better at helping people with a disability.

Feel safe



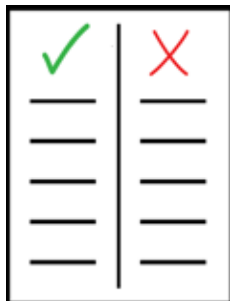
You should **always** feel safe in your community.



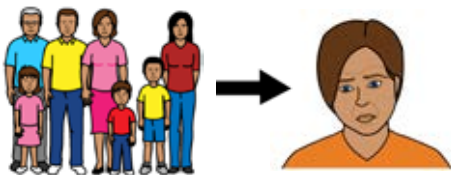
To feel safe you need to know what is fair and what is **not** fair.

If it is **not** fair it is probably **not** safe.

What we will do to help you feel safe



The plan has a list of things that will help you to feel safe.



There will be more help for you if your family hurts you or makes you feel bad.



There will be more money spent on **advocacy organisations**. Advocacy organisations support people to stand up for their rights and have their say.



We will write a special plan about how to keep people with a disability safe.



We will make a plan for **VCAT** so it can better help people with a disability. VCAT is like a court and makes legal decisions.



The police will learn more about how to help people with a disability and keep you safe.



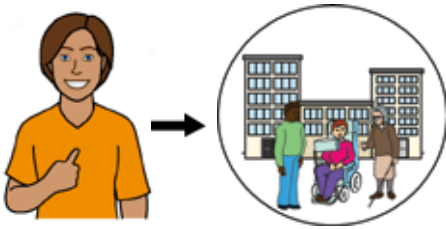
We will do more to help people with a disability who are in prison get supports.



We will look at ways to make sure people can use **assistance dogs** in Victoria.

Assistance dogs help people get around and do things, for example a guide dog.

Feel you contribute to the community



You need to feel that you contribute to your community.



People feel good when they contribute to their community.



When you contribute to your community you do things to make your community a better place for everyone to live in.



To contribute to your community you can

- help to make decisions



- go to work
- help other people to do things that you can do.

What we will do to help you feel you contribute to the community



We will help schools and TAFE get better at including people with a disability.



We will help more people with a disability to get a job.



We will get people with a disability to help us make decisions about things that happen in their community.



We will help more people with a disability get jobs in creative industries for example, artists.



We will help people with a disability to have a say in what happens with the NDIS.



We will help holiday places in Victoria get better at including people with a disability.



We will also show people things that people with a disability can do.

Other things you should know about the plan



We want this plan to be the best state government plan for people with a disability.

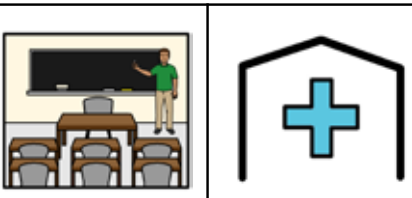


We hope that other states will have plans just like this plan.



Every **department** in the Victorian government will work from the plan. For example, the

- Department of Transport
- Department of Education
- Department of Health.



We will write reports about the plan.



The government will then tell everyone how well the plan is working.



This book is a **summary** of the plan. A summary means the most important parts of a bigger plan.

If you would like to read the whole plan go to



www.statedisabilityplan.vic.gov.au



You can get more information about this plan from **The Office for Disability**.



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