

2024–25 Victorian State Budget

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Portfolio overview

The Disability portfolio:

- › Leads whole-of-government strategic policy to drive inclusion and participation for people with disability, coordinated through the State Disability Plan.
- › Drives a Victorian disability reform agenda, currently focused on the recommendations arising from the NDIS Review and Disability Royal Commission.
- › Delivers integrated services and accommodation services for people with disability and complex needs.



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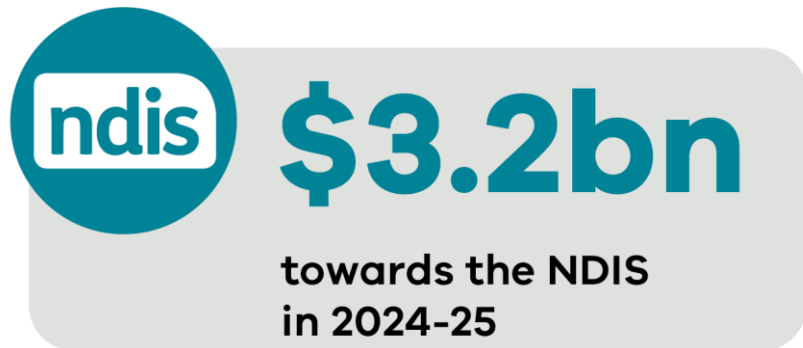
people in Victoria
live with disability



Victoria's commitment to people with a disability

Victoria:

- › Contributes **\$3.2 billion** towards the NDIS in 2024-25
- › Committed to disability reform across all levels of Government as work on the Disability Royal Commission and the NDIS Review recommendations is considered.
- › This commitment includes close engagement with the Commonwealth on these matters.



Drive inclusion and participation for people with disability

The 2024-25 State Budget provides \$24m for a range of supports for people with disability and initiatives under the State Disability Plan. Key features include:

- › Support for people with disability ineligible for the NDIS.
- › Funding to build capacity to coordinate mainstream supports for people with complex disability needs.
- › Support to meet demand for Victorian Disability Advocacy program.
- › Publicly funded autism assessment grants for people who would otherwise be unable to afford an assessment.
- › Supporting children with disability and their families with critical support from mainstream services and the NDIS.



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Drive inclusion and participation for people with disability

Inclusive Victoria: state disability plan 2022-2026

- › Shaped in extensive consultation with the disability community
- › Includes portfolio specific actions across all aspects of government
- › **2024-25 State Budget** builds on State Disability Plan initiatives:
 - › **\$2.2 million** in 2024-25 for Public Autism Assessments
 - › **\$14.1 million** in 2024-25 to continue lapsing funding to support children with disability and their families



+83

Changing Places in
Victoria - 41 operational,
42 under construction

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Spotlight: Investment to support disability advocacy

- › The Victorian Disability Advocacy Program provides funding for systemic and/or individual advocacy to 21 disability advocacy agencies and two resource units
- › Investment since 2017-18 has included **\$17.5 million** in addition to core funding
- › **\$1.9 million** has been provided in 2024-25 to boost the capacity of the **Victorian Disability Advocacy Program**



2800

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Victorian Disability Advocacy
Program



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