



# National Disability Research Partnership

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# NDRP Vision

## A world class disability research and policy hub

The NDRP vision is to become a nationally and internationally recognised driver of and significant contributor to research that enables innovative approaches to policy and practice and improves the lives of Australians with disability, their families and carers.

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# About the NDRP

**This is the start of an exciting journey, which we hope will build greater shared purpose.**

The Commonwealth government provided seed funding to establish a new National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) which brings together experts in disability policy and research to deliver a world-class disability research and policy hub.

The NDRP will facilitate a collaborative, translational research program through partnerships between academics, people with disability, their families and carers, peak advocacy and consumer groups, governments and service providers to conduct cutting-edge policy-relevant research that enables people with disability to participate fully in society.

Seed funding is intended to initially establish and demonstrate the value of a national partnership.

The goal is to create a longer-term partnership model that will enable Australia to build capacity and conduct high quality research that helps provide solutions to the many policy and practice challenges in disability policy, service delivery and mainstream services.



# NDRP Working Party

The working party will exist for two years until mid-2022 and will help facilitate the establishment of NDRP.

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# Policy Context

The NDRP is being established within the context of unprecedented investment and reform to address the persistent inequities and enhance quality of life for people with disability, their families, and carers.

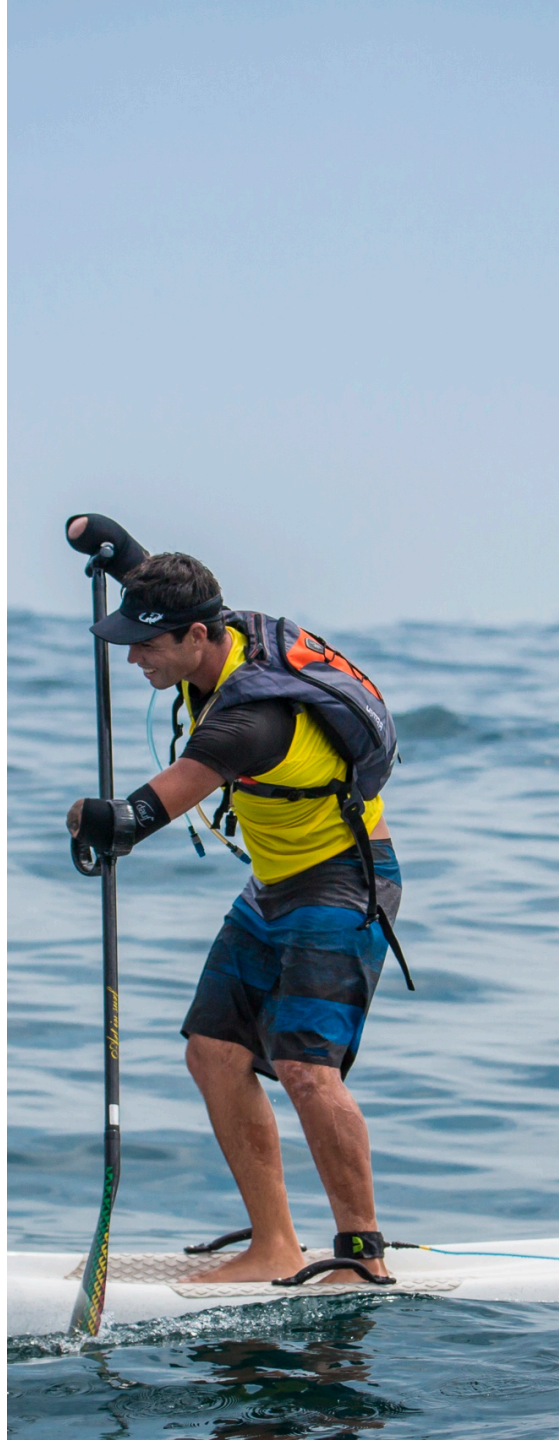
The Commonwealth Department of Social Services recognises the enormous opportunities presented by research funding and has invested in the establishment of NDRP, to be led by the MDI together with a working party, for a two-year period.

Several other national initiatives are expected to continue to provide the context for and assist in shaping the future direction and scope of the NDRP:

- National Disability Strategy
- National Disability Research Strategy
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Framework
- National Disability Data Asset

# Critical Success Factors

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A successful NDRP would have the following features:

- A world-class hub for disability research
- Independence
- Trusted and responsive
- Appropriately resourced

# Two Year Plan

Over the next two years, the NDRP will build a case for sustained investment in disability research and identify potential long-term funding streams. This will involve the following activities:

- A **future governance model** for the NDRP designed to engage a range of stakeholders which will seek and attract future on-going, significant funding for high-impact disability research.
- Map relevant **research capability** in Australia and develop a plan for **building research capacity**
- A practical guide to **disability-inclusive research**
- Two **pilot projects** that demonstrate the capacity of the NDRP to add significant value, and
- **Facilitate international research partnerships** and collaborations.



# What's happening now?

Over the next two years, the NDRP will build a case for sustained investment in disability research and identify potential long-term funding streams.



# National disability research agenda

The University of Sydney is leading a consortium to deliver a national disability research agenda that will see research significantly enhance the lives of people with disability, their families and carers through policy and practice.

The research agenda will be developed from a broad and deep consultation led by lived experience and a strong review and prioritisation methodology.

Co-production and collaboration are embedded in the culture, practices and structure of the project.

The research agenda development involves four project phases:

- research mapping (Oct 2020 – Jan 2021)
- Consultation (Jan 2021 – Apr 2021)
- prioritisation for the final research agenda (April 2021)
- to inform the next decade of Australian disability research (June 2021)

**Please make sure to follow along and join the conversation on Twitter with #AusDisAbilityResearch**

# Future governance model

A key deliverable in the establishment phase is a ratified future governance model for the NDRP designed to engage a range of stakeholders and attract future on-going, significant funding for disability research.

The NDRP working group is about to launch governance consultations with stakeholders across the disability community, advocacy bodies, governments, philanthropy, service providers and industry.

The governance consultation will involve the release of a governance issues paper, a series of public webinars, a survey to collect feedback and individual meetings.

The governance consultation will seek advice and guidance in relation to:

- The NDRP's critical success factors
- The scope of NDRP
- Funding arrangements for NDRP
- The preferred governance principles and model for NDRP

# Governance Objectives

- Good governance
- Balanced and skills-based
- Inclusive
- Flexible
- Diverse and broad-based

## Possible governance options

| New separate legal entity   | Consortium of partners   | Other  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small team to guide and oversee delivery of research agenda</li><li>• Input from partners</li><li>• Board of Directors</li><li>• Similar to Cooperative Research Centre</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners from as many states and territories as is feasible</li><li>• 'nodes' or 'centres' part of the consortium</li><li>• Steering group</li><li>• Similar to ARC Centre of Excellence</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ideas and suggestions for additional governance models which are consistent with the NDRP's aims, critical success factors and scope, and that are thought likely to create the conditions for the long-term success of the NDRP</li></ul> |

# Governance Consultation Plan

|                                       | Dec-20 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 | Apr-21 | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Stage 1: information provision</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Release governance issues paper       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Public engagement webinars            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Feedback survey open                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Stage 2: Interviews</b>            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Stage 3: Consolidation</b>         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Consolidation of consultation         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Draft model                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Test with key stakeholders            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Final model                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

# APO Disability Research Collection

[apo.org.au/collection/309093/disability-research](https://apo.org.au/collection/309093/disability-research)

The NDRP will send monthly newsletters with collection highlights and guest editorials.

Sign up to the mailing list at [www.ndrp.org.au](https://www.ndrp.org.au)

The collection is still being built; please feel free to send any reports or publications you would like to see included to [info@ndrp.org.au](mailto:info@ndrp.org.au)

## Disability Research Collection

Designed to improve policies and practices, this Collection is for policy-makers, researchers, advocacy organisations, disabled people's organisations, service providers and practitioners as well as people with a disability, their families and carers. The Collection aims to share evidence and knowledge on a range of topics to enable people with a disability across Australia to participate fully in society.

Established in November 2020, the Collection supports the work of the [National Disability Research Partnership](#) to facilitate a collaborative, translational research program. wherever possible, accessible versions of documents such as plain language summaries, Easy English or audio versions have been included in the collection.



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# Future Funding

Funding will need to be sufficient to make meaningful progress to address the major research questions identified in the research agenda and to build the capacity for disability-related research across multiple disciplines and research techniques.

Ideally, NDRP hopes to receive funding and resources from multiple sources to provide long term security and assist with the NDRP's independence.

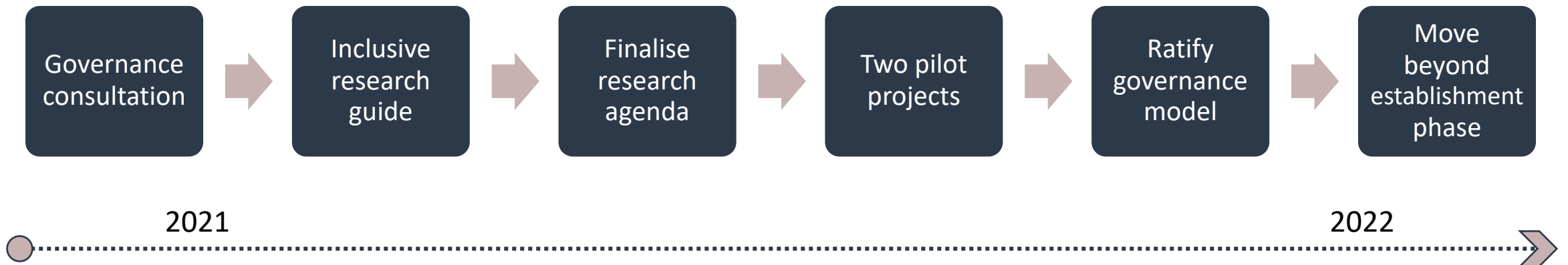
In addition to core funding from governments, additional financial and in-kind contributions could be sourced from:

- Universities
- Sector stakeholders, and
- Philanthropy.



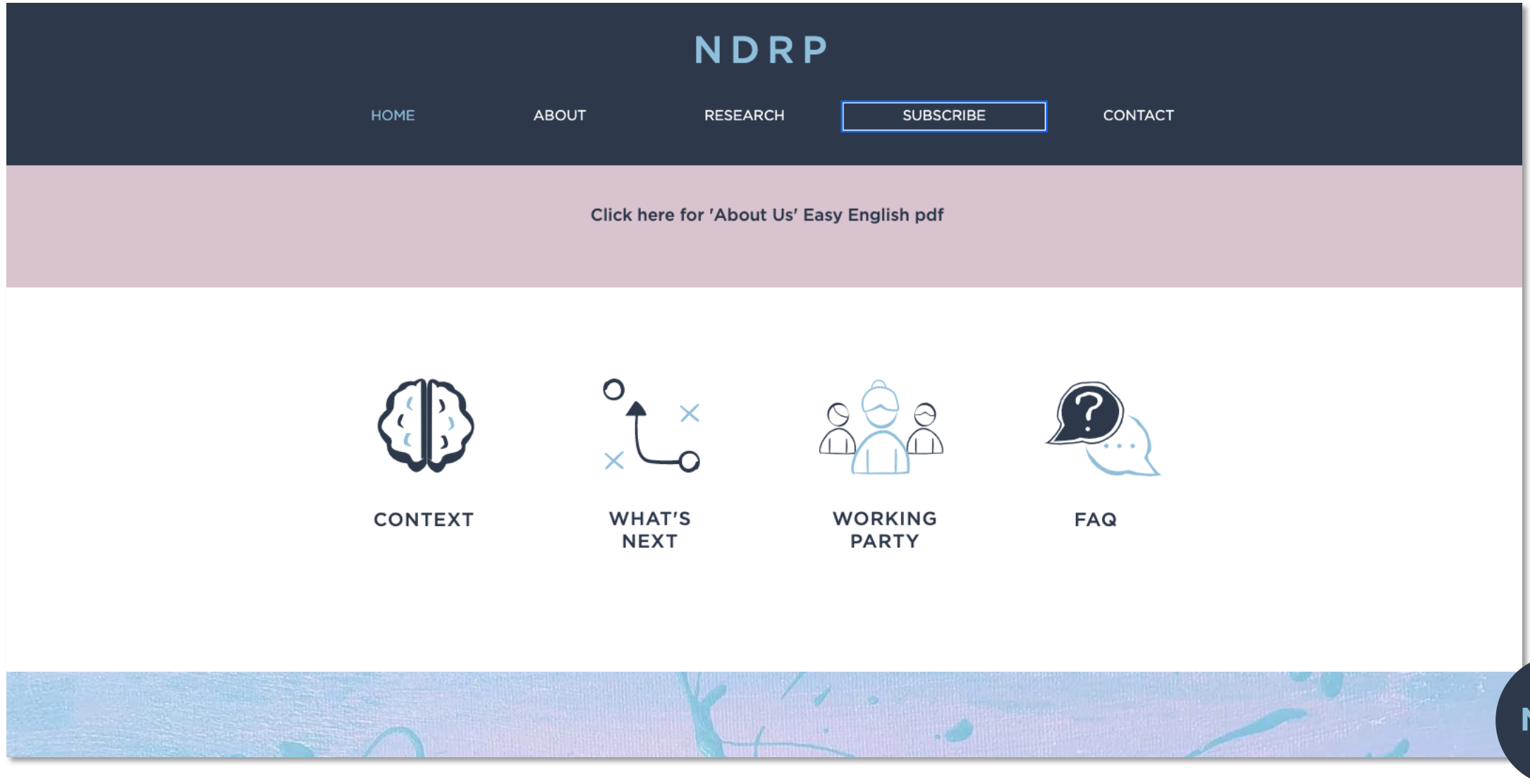
# What's next?

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Questions?

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