



Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

New International
Gender Equality
Strategy

Easy Read Version



About This Document



This document is written for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

We are also called DFAT.

When you see the word 'we' it means DFAT.



This document is written in an easy to read way.

We call it **Easy Read**.



You might not know some words.

The first time we use those words they are **blue**.

We tell you what they mean.

They are also [at the back of this document](#).



We have a new International Gender Equality **Strategy**.

In this document we will call it the Strategy.



A strategy says how we will change things.

We want to know what people think of our strategy.

The document tells you how to make a **submission** about the strategy.



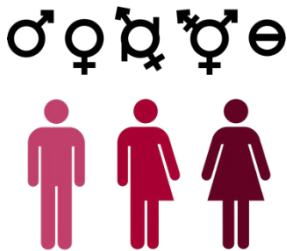
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- Tell us what you think
- Send your thoughts to us.

About the Strategy

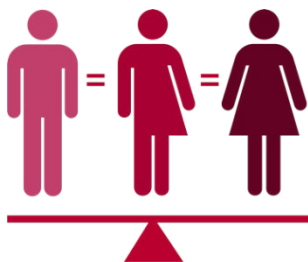


The strategy explains that **gender equality** is **essential** to our work across the world.



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- A man
- A woman
- A different gender
- No gender.



Equality is when different things are as important as each other.



Essential is when something is very important.

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Making a Submission



We want submissions from people.

This includes people with disability.

What to think and write about

We want to make:

- all genders equal
- across the world



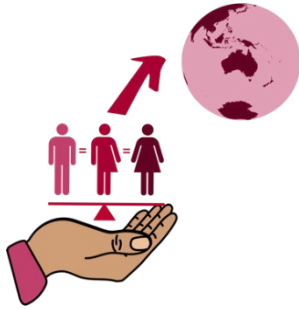
We have 4 questions we want you to think and write about:

1: What are the most important things we should work on?





2: What is the best way to do this?



3: How can we help other countries with gender equality?



4: What else do we need to think about in the strategy?

You do not need to answer every question.



You might just also share your thoughts about:

- Better ways of working
- How to help one country
- One particular idea, such as how we buy and sell products from other countries.

How to make a submission

Send your submission to us by Monday, 18 September, 2023.



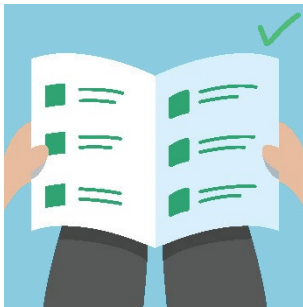
Your submission can be:

- An email
- A letter
- A video
- Audio or a recording of your voice.



Please send us a link to your video or audio file.

You can send the link by email or letter.



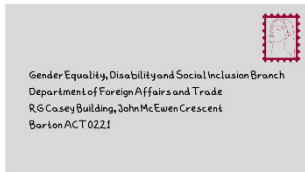
[Read more](#) about sharing video and audio files with us [later in this document](#).



Send your email to:

Gender.equality@dfat.gov.au

If you write a letter it must be 5 pages or less.



Send your letter to:

Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion
Branch

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

RG Casey Building, John McEwen Crescent

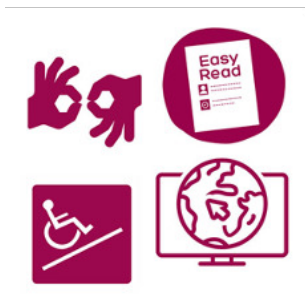
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We want everyone to be able to make a
submission. You can email us if you:

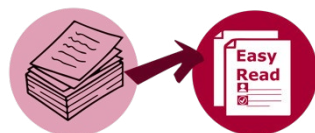
- Have questions about your submission
- Have any **accessibility** needs or **accommodations**



Accessibility is when everyone can use and
understand something.



Accommodations are changes made so
something is more accessible.



Privacy of your submission



Privacy is when something is private.

That means only some people can know it.



Submissions are **public**.

That means anyone can read your submission.

Everyone can know what you say.



It will be on [our website](#).



This includes any personal information you include.



You can ask us to keep parts of your submission

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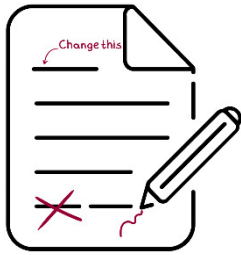
If you want to include confidential information you should:

- Put it in a different document
- Make it easy to see which document is confidential.



When you send your submission you are agreeing we can use it.

Do not include in your submission



We will not change your submission.

We will not publish submissions which include:

- Anything **offensive**



This means it might upset someone else.

- Any **discrimination**



Discrimination is when you are treated badly because of something different about you.

This might be because of your gender, disability, religion or more.



- Anything **illegal**

Illegal is when something breaks the law.



- Any **defamation**

When you include information, photos or more that might hurt someone's **reputation**.



Your reputation is what other people think about you.



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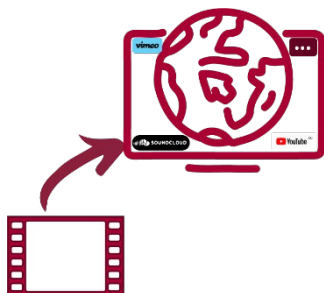


Read more about this [on our website](#).

Using and Sending Video and Audio



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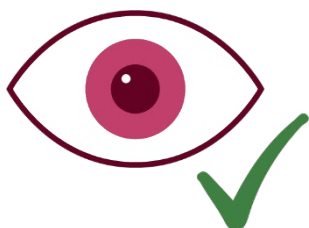


Upload your video or audio to a site like:

- YouTube
- Vimeo
- SoundCloud



Use your first and last name in the name of the file.



Make sure your file:

- Is public
- Can be seen by anyone.



You can add a password to your file.

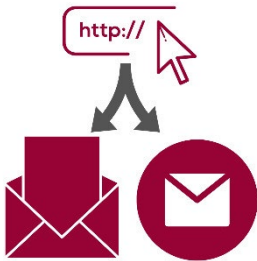
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The password must be: IGES2023.



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Word List



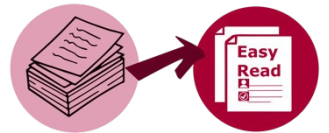
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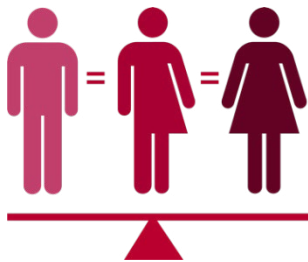
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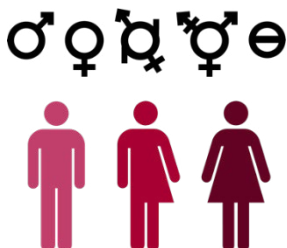
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