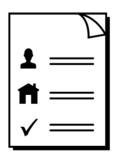




# A connected system of support for people with disability

**NDIS** Review fact sheet



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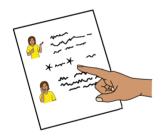


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We add a star before and after \*hard words\*.

Then we explain what the words mean.



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### The NDIS Review



Our review started in October 2022.



We talked to lots of people.



We heard about problems with the NDIS and what needs to change.

# What we learnt about how the NDIS works



The NDIS is the only support for many people with disability and their families.



The NDIS should be 1 part of a big system that supports everyone with disability.



A connected system means there will be support in and outside the NDIS.

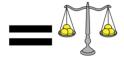


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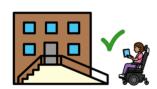
• supports all people with disability



• meets people's needs



• is fair



- is \*accessible\*
  - accessible means everyone can use the services



- is \*inclusive\*
  - inclusive means everyone is welcome.

## What are the problems?



People with disability are still not fully included in Australia.



Many \*mainstream services\* are not accessible or inclusive.



Mainstream services are services everyone should be able to use.

For example, health, education and transport.

Many people with disability find it hard to be part of their community.



For example, it is still hard to

catch a bus



• join a sports club



• go to a local school.





People go to the NDIS because there are not many other supports.

This is not fair.

## What needs to happen?



People with disability and their families need to get support even if they are not in the NDIS.



People would get help from \*navigators\*.

Navigators would find good services in and outside the NDIS.



#### Governments must

• make mainstream services accessible



• put money into \*foundational supports\*.

Foundational supports help people in and outside the NDIS.



All governments need to

• plan for the changes



• put money into the plan



• work together to make the changes



• work in new and different ways



listen to people with disability and their families.



We think the changes should happen slowly so people have time to get ready.



We need to follow the steps to make sure changes happen smoothly.

## **Foundational supports**



Many people with disability need supports outside the NDIS.



Foundational supports should help everyone in and outside the NDIS to be included in the community.



These supports should meet everyone's different needs.



For example, people with multicultural backgrounds or First Nations communities.



Foundational supports would replace the \*ILC grants\* program.

ILC grants means money for programs and activities for people with disability.



There should be 2 types of foundational supports.

# 1. General foundational supports



These supports might include

information



• support services



• disability employment services.

## 2. Targeted foundational supports



These supports are for people with disability who cannot access the NDIS.



These supports might include

• help to do shopping and cleaning



- some aids and equipment
  - for example, walking aids



 living supports for people with mental health conditions



early supports for children who might have delays or disability



 help for young people to get ready to work or live away from their family home.

### **Navigators**



Navigators would help people with disability.



Navigators would support all people with disability and their families to find and use

- mainstream and community services
  - for example, education and sports groups



- foundational supports
  - for example, peer groups.



Navigators would also help people to get and pay for NDIS funded services.



There would be

\*general navigators\* to help everyone
 with disability find supports



 \*specialist navigators\* to help people with higher support needs.



There would also be navigators with skills and experience to help

• people with mental health conditions



• people who need housing and living supports.



There would be \*shared support facilitators\*.

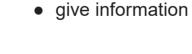
Shared support facilitators would make sure people who share housing and living supports have a say about how they live.



There would be \*lead practitioners\*.

Lead practitioners would help children with high support needs and their families.

For example, they would





• connect people to good supports and services.

# How will the changes help?



All people with disability and their families will be able to find and get more supports in their community.



We think these ideas should be tested and changes should be made slowly.





### More information

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