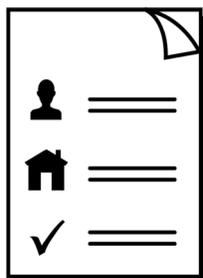




## **First Nations communities**

### **NDIS Review fact sheet**



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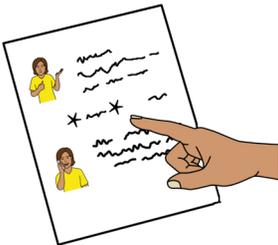


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## The NDIS Review



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 First Nations communities



First Nations people with disability need supports that

- are easy to access



- include everyone

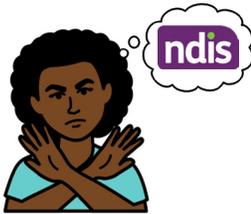


- fit with their **\*culture\***
  - culture means the way First Nations people live.



The NDIS should work with First Nations communities to give the right supports.

## What are the problems?



The NDIS is hard to access and use.



It is hard to get services in **\*remote\*** areas.

Remote means places that are far away from cities.



First Nations people want supports for families and community so they can help loved ones with disability.



First Nations people feel unsafe using services that do not understand their culture.



First Nations people are not getting the help they need from the NDIS and this is not fair.

## What needs to happen?



First Nations people with disability and communities should get services that meet their needs.



We think First Nations communities should

- get help to use different supports in and outside the NDIS



- choose who they want to get support from
  - for example, local community groups.



We think governments should work with First Nations communities to plan supports they need.



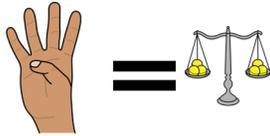
Governments should work with First Nations communities to decide the best organisations to deliver services.



Governments should agree with First Nations communities the best way to fund those services.



We think local community supports would be good for everyone.



We think 4 changes will help to make things fairer for First Nations people.



1. First Nations people with disability should have a say about services that affect them.



2. First Nations people with disability should have a say about how they want to get safe supports in their community.



3. Governments should make plans that meet the needs of First Nations communities.



4. First Nations people with disability should be able to get and understand information that is important to them.

## How will the changes help?

First Nations people with disability and their families will have



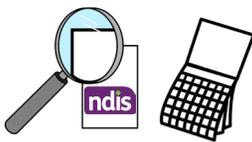
- access to different services in and outside the NDIS



- good and safe services that work with their culture



- supports from trusted local organisations and communities.



We think these ideas should be tested and changes should be made slowly so people can get ready.



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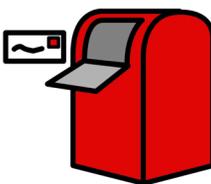


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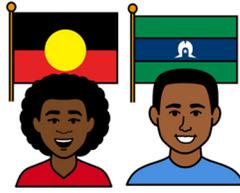
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