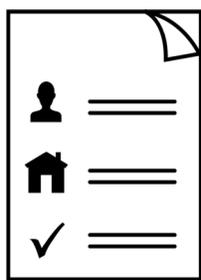




## Housing and living supports

### NDIS Review fact sheet



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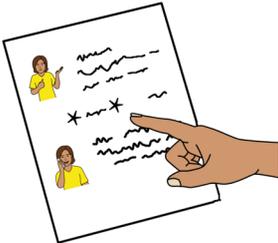


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# The NDIS Review



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 \*housing and living supports\*



Housing and living supports means

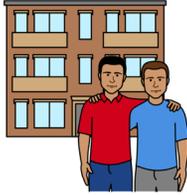
- a safe and accessible house to live in
  
- support to do everyday activities around the home.



We want people with disability to have more choice and control about



- where they live



- who they live with



- how they live.

We want people to



- be connected to family, friends and their community



- learn new skills



- use their **\*budget\*** in a way that works for them.

Budget means money in your NDIS plan.

## What are the problems?



We heard that

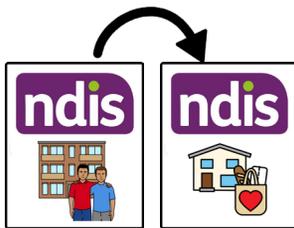
- people with NDIS housing and living supports do not have much choice about how they live



- many people still live in group homes with housemates and workers they do not choose



- NDIS plans are not always clear and fair



- NDIS plans do not connect housing and living supports well



- people worry about housing and living supports in the future.



We also heard

- there are lots of old houses that need to be fixed or rebuilt



- there are not many new ideas about how people with disability could live



- there is not much support to find housing and living supports

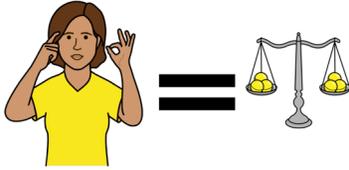


- there are not enough **\*specialist disability accomodation\*** or SDA homes.



Specialist disability accommodation means houses for people with disability who have high support needs.

## What needs to happen?



We think **\*funding\*** for housing and living supports should be

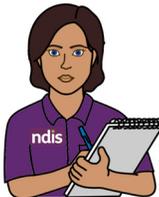
- clear and fair



- based on people's needs.



Funding means money to support someone.



The budget should be set after a

**\*needs assessment\***.

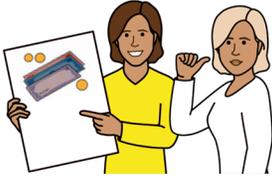
A needs assessment means understanding your needs and setting the right budget.



The budget would include funding for housing and living supports and may include funding for

**\*home modifications\***.

Home modifications might be ramps and hand rails.



People with a housing and living budget should get help from a **\*specialist navigator\***.



A specialist navigator would have experience and skills to help people find good housing and living supports.



People could try living in a house before they decide to stay.



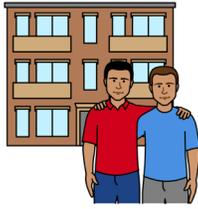
Most people who need support day and night would have 1 worker supporting 3 people.



We think the SDA **Improved Liveability** category should change to **\*Shared Living Support\***.



Shared Living Support means a worker supports more than 1 person.



Shared living supports does **not** mean 3 people have to live in the same house.

For example, people might live in apartments with shared living support.



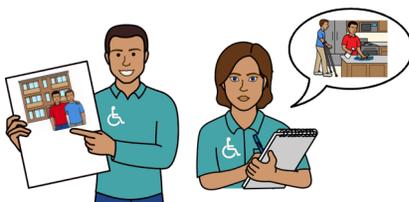
Some people will need more support.

For example, if they need lots of support to keep themselves and others safe.



People who share a house with other people will get help from a **\*shared support facilitator\***.

A shared support facilitator makes sure everyone has a say about the home and supports.



We think there should be 1 **\*provider\*** for the SDA house and 1 provider for the living supports.



Provider means people who give services to people with disability.



We think all governments should fix old SDA houses and support new housing to meet people's needs.

## How will the changes help?

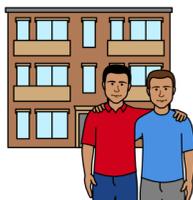


People with disability will

- get the same type of housing and living supports if they have similar needs.



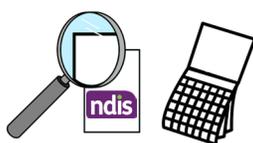
- be able to try different places before they stay



- get help to find the right housing and living supports.



Families will know their loved ones are in safe and secure housing now and in the future.



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



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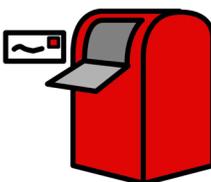
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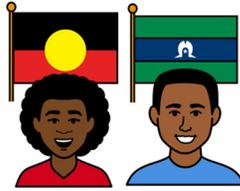
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