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Dear NDIS Review

[Consultation has closed for Treasury's Measuring what matters](#) apparently without a submission from the disability sector. Given the nature, scale and purpose of the NDIS, this is a massive missed opportunity to focus more on the well-being of people with disability in Australia.

A4 offers the following simple suggestions to improve the NDIS and to benefit its participants in line with national progress on well-being.

1. Align the Objects of the *NDIS Act 2013* with national goals to progress well-being for all Australians.
2. Revise NDIS planning practice to focus on the well-being of NDIS participants. Current plan structure seems pretty arbitrary. Planning needs to translate the personal goals into well-being goals ... then plan for the individual based on that translation.
3. Measure and report support deliver for participants in relation to well-being goals.

The current plan components can be revised to focus instead on clearer, more recognisable well-being targets. Current NDIS Plans provide funds under Core Supports, Capacity Building, and Capital Supports. It is not clear how these support categories relate to a participant's well-being.

Capacity building includes things like support coordination ... which often is not actually capacity building.

For example, instead of support for meal preparation, support might also be about addressing or meeting dietary guidelines. Instead of child support, the goal might improve on-time school attendance.

At present, different service providers bill the same service under completely different types of support. It is difficult to see how the various support types relate to participants' well-being.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Buckley', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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