

Children, Young People and Families Reference Group

Easy Read meeting bulletin

15 June 2026



How to use this bulletin



We are the Independent Advisory Council (IAC).

We give advice about ways to make the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) better.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 22.



We wrote this **bulletin**.

A bulletin is an important news item we share with the community.

It explains what we did in our meeting.



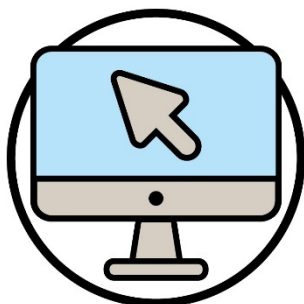
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- read this bulletin
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another bulletin.

It only includes the most important ideas.



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About this Reference Group



A **Reference Group** is a group of people who give us advice about a certain topic.

This Reference Group is about:



- children



- young people



- their families.



The Reference Group shares their ideas with the IAC about how to support children and young people with disability.

This includes support to:



- do things for themselves



- take part in the community.



The IAC use these ideas from the Reference Group when they write their advice for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board.

We just call them the **NDIA Board**.



The NDIA Board is a group of people who make decisions about all parts of the NDIA.

What issues did the community share?



Reference Group members connected with the community to find out about issues that affect them.



This includes issues that affect **participants**.

Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



Members shared reports about these issues with the NDIA.



People from the NDIA also shared their response to some of these issues.

Changes to the NDIS



Reference Group members said people are worried about how changes to the NDIS will affect **NDIS plans**.



An NDIS plan has information about:

- a participant and their goals
- what supports a participant needs
- what the NDIS will pay for.



People are worried participants will lose **funding** for supports that help them to take part in the community.



Funding is money from a participant's NDIS plan that pays for the supports they need.



These supports are important because they have a good effect on the lives of people with disability.



Members said the NDIA should include people with disability when it makes decisions.



This includes when the NDIA makes decisions about its rules and laws.

NDIS Amendment Bill



The **NDIS Amendment Bill** is a new law to change some parts of the NDIS.

In this document, we call it the Bill.



Reference Group members said people were not happy about the way the NDIA checked the Bill.

People said:



- there was not enough time to share their ideas about the Bill



- there were not enough meetings to hear from people in the community.



Members said they think the report about the Bill will miss important information.



For example, it will not include information from children and young people.

Foundational supports



Reference Group members said people are worried about **foundational supports**.



Foundational supports are disability supports for all people with disability.

This includes people with disability who don't take part in the NDIS.



People are worried there is not enough information about foundational supports.



This includes how foundational supports work outside of the Thriving Kids program.



Thriving Kids is a new program for children who need extra support.



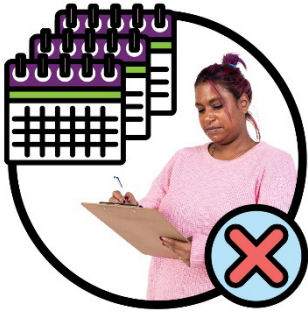
For example, children with **developmental delay**.

A developmental delay is when a child takes longer than usual to learn things like walking or talking.



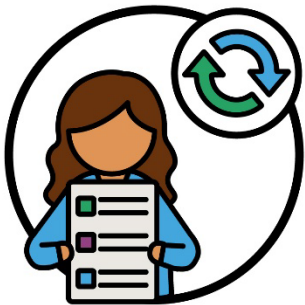
Not having this information means people are:

- feeling stressed
- thinking the worst.



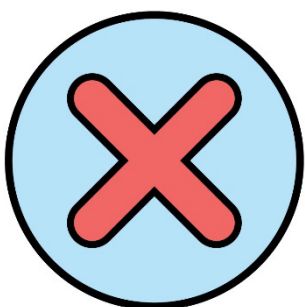
Participants don't know how to plan for the future if the NDIA gets rid of the supports they need.

Participants in the NDIS

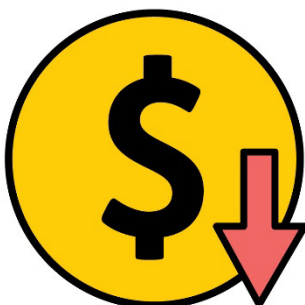


Reference Group members said people are scared about changes to who can take part in the NDIS.

People are scared some participants:



- can no longer take part in the NDIS



- are losing funding for some supports.



Members suggest the NDIA use **co-design** when it makes decisions.



Co-design is when people work together to plan something new.



For example, the NDIA should use co-design with people with disability.

What did the NDIA share?



The NDIA said they understand the community feels stressed.



The NDIA said it is working to make sure people understand the changes to the NDIS.

The NDIA also said it values the information it gets from:



- the IAC



- the IAC Reference Groups.



The NDIA also said the Thriving Kids program will start **1 January 2028**.

Update on rules about who can take part in the NDIS



The NDIA and Australian Government gave an update about who can take part in the NDIS.



This included an update about information for children 6 years and younger.



The NDIA and the government shared how they will check who can still take part in the NDIS.



They told Reference Groups members they plan to support families during this time.

Update on the IAC's advice



The IAC gave Reference Group members an update on its advice.

This included the IAC's advice on:



- home and living



- the **justice system**.

The justice system makes sure everyone is treated fairly and follows the law.

The justice system includes:



- prisons
- courts
- police.

Update on changes to the NDIS and support needs assessments

Reference Group members talked about:



- changes to the NDIS



- **support needs assessments.**



Support needs assessments help the NDIA work out:

- how a person's disability affects their life
- what supports a person needs.



Members shared what they think about:

- the changes to the NDIS
- support needs assessments.

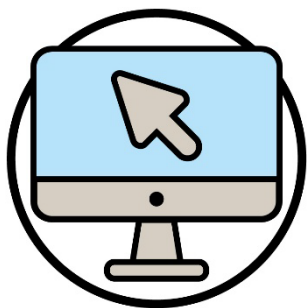


Members also talked about the work the NDIA is doing on these things.

Our next meeting



Our next meeting is on **21 September 2026**.

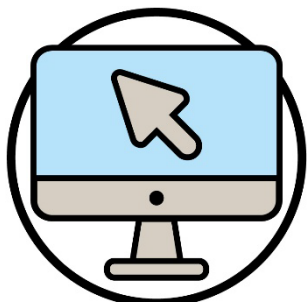


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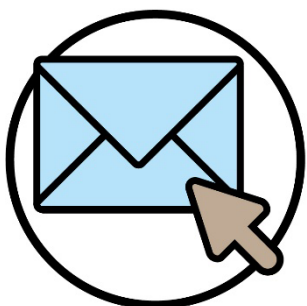
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You can call the NDIS.

1800 800 110

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