

Equity and Inclusion Reference Group

Easy Read meeting bulletin

27 May 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 [23](#).



We wrote this **bulletin**.

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

It explains what we did in our meeting.



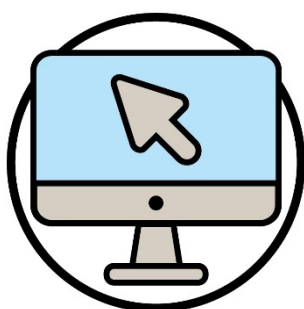
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- 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 gives advice to the IAC about how the NDIS can:

- be fair
- give **participants** the same chances.



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



This includes making sure the NDIS is **inclusive**.

When something is inclusive, it means everyone can take part.



It also includes making sure the NDIS thinks about **diversity**.

Diversity is what makes people different from each other.

People can:



- come from different places



- speak different languages



- have different abilities



- live their lives in different ways.



The IAC use these ideas 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.



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 talked about:

- new changes to the NDIS
- the affect the new changes will have.

Members shared their thoughts as:



- people with disability



- participants



- carers of participants.

The NDIA:



- gave an update on the new changes to the NDIS
- answered members questions about the new changes.

Changes to funding



Reference Group members said people in the community are worried about losing **funding** for some supports.

For example, community supports.



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

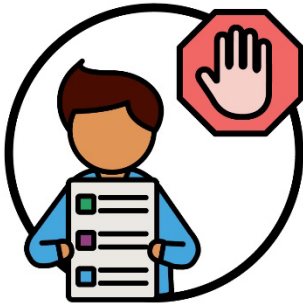


An NDIS plan has information about:

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



Members said this might affect participants in a bad way.



For example, it will stop participants from being able to use their NDIS plan in different ways.



Members also said it makes them feel stressed about what else might change in the future.

Costs of the NDIS



Reference Group members said some people in the community are not happy about how much the NDIS costs.



Sometimes the news talks about participants in a bad way when it talks about changes to the NDIS.



This causes a lot of participants to feel hurt and upset.



Members also said there are things that make it harder for some participants to use the NDIS.



These things can mean some people with disability don't have the same experience with the NDIS.

Ways to protect participants



Reference Group members asked the NDIA about how they will protect participants from funding changes.



Members are worried that losing funding for some supports will put some people at risk of harm.



For example, participants who are at risk of **family and domestic violence**.

Family and domestic violence is when someone close to you hurts you, such as:



- your partner, like your boyfriend or girlfriend
- a member of your family
- someone who takes care of you
- someone you live with.



Members said they had only heard about ways to:

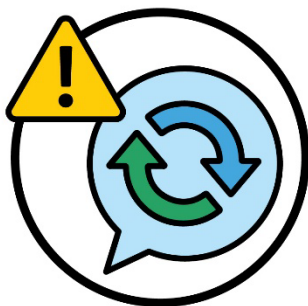
- keep the NDIA safe
- protect **providers**.



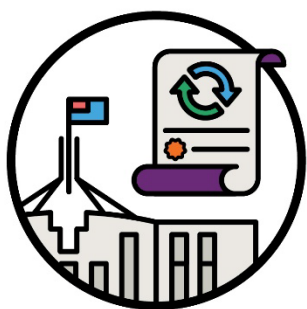
Providers support people with disability by delivering a service.



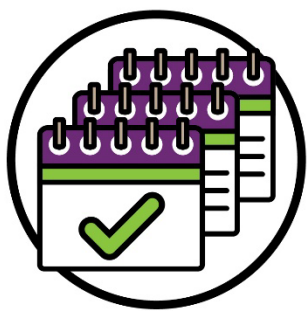
The NDIA said it wants to work with the community as they make changes to the NDIS.



But it can be hard to talk about changes to the NDIS right away.



This is because the NDIA have to wait for the Australian Government to finish changing the laws.



The NDIA told members they want to make sure the NDIS:

- works well
- lasts for a long time.



Members said the community also know how important the NDIS is for the future.

Support needs assessment



Reference Group members talked about **support needs assessments**.



Support needs assessments help the NDIA work out:

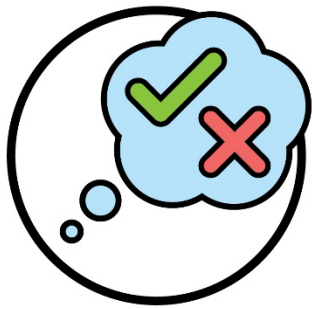
- how a person's disability affects their life
- what supports a person needs.



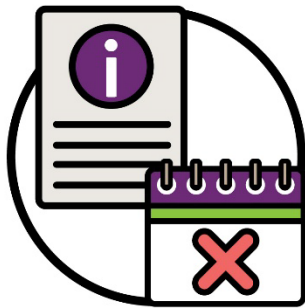
Members said the **assessors** need to read about participants before the meeting.



An assessor is someone who runs a support needs assessment.



This is to make sure assessors know what information the NDIS needs or doesn't need.



Members said a lot of NDIS information about participants might be old.



The NDIA said they're hiring more assessors.
This includes 200 assessors from their staff.

Information about changes to the NDIS

Reference Group members said information about changes to the NDIS is still:



- confusing



- not reaching the right people.

Update on the IAC's Work Plan



Reference Group members talked about the IAC's **Work Plan** for 2026 to 2027.

A Work Plan is a document that explains the work the IAC will do in a year.

Members focused on the areas of the Work Plan about:



- changes to the NDIS



- ways to protect the goal of the NDIS



- working with the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Update on the IAC's advice

Reference Group members talked about 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.

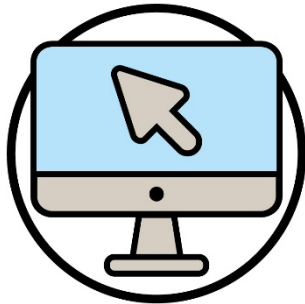


Members shared ideas about what the advice should include.

Our next meeting



Our next meeting is on **5 August 2026**.

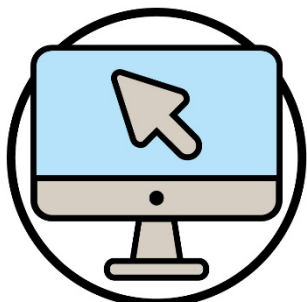


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You can learn more about the NDIS on their website.

www.ndis.gov.au



You can call the NDIS.

1800 800 110

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this bulletin mean.



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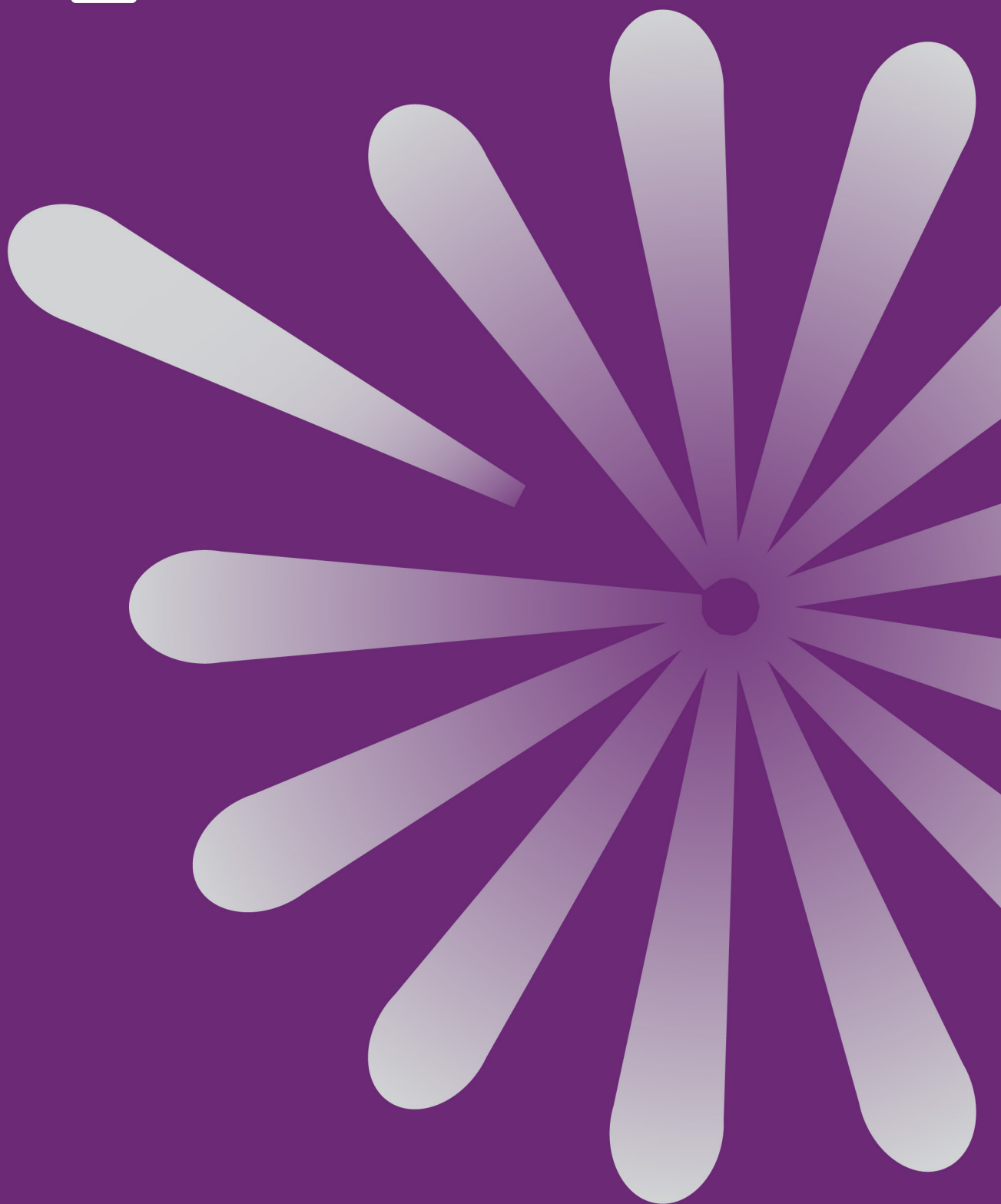
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