

Independent Advisory Council

Easy Read meeting bulletin

14 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 [18](#).



We wrote this **bulletin**.

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

It explains what we did in our meeting.



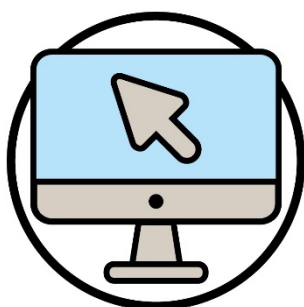
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this bulletin
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another bulletin.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other bulletin on our website.

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What happened at the meeting?



We held the meeting on **14 May 2026**.

At the meeting, IAC Members talked about:



- the work the IAC is doing



- what they have heard in their communities



- some updates about the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) work.

What issues did the community share?



IAC 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.



IAC Members shared reports about these issues with people from the NDIA.



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

Cost of fuel



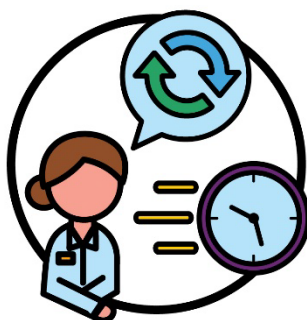
IAC Members said the community is worried about the cost of fuel.



Some **providers** and support workers are not travelling to participants as much.



Providers support people with disability by delivering a service.



IAC Members shared examples of support workers changing their services.

Support workers often do this last minute.



This means some participants don't get the support they need.



For example, some participants have missed doctor appointments.

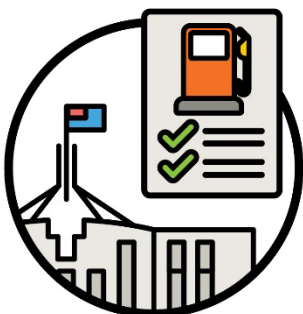


The NDIA said that not many people have contacted them about these issues.

The NDIA also said they are:



- keeping track of the impact of fuel prices



- following the Australian Government's rules about fuel.

Changes to the NDIS



IAC Members said people are afraid about the new changes to the NDIS.



People fear the changes will affect who can use and take part in the NDIS.



The community also fear that participants will lose **funding** for certain 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.

Disability workers



IAC Members said disability workers are starting to feel very:

- tired
- stressed



People who have worked in the disability community for a long time are thinking about leaving the job.

Information in Easy Read



IAC Members shared what they thought about the Easy Read information from the **Minister** of the NDIS.



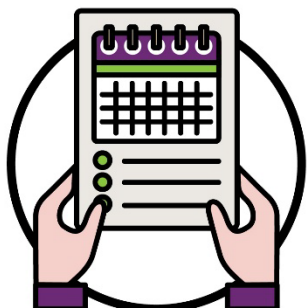
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IAC Members were not happy that the Easy Read information didn't include some of the most important parts.



IAC Members said it's really important that the NDIA start to make Easy Read NDIS plans.



IAC Members asked the NDIA to share a timeline about when participants can have Easy Read NDIS plans.

NDIS participants in the media



IAC Members said there needs to be clearer information about what is changing in the NDIS.



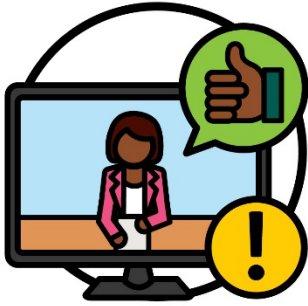
IAC Members asked the NDIA to work with the Ministers of the NDIS about what they share.



IAC Members said the news has been making the NDIS look bad.



This has upset many participants.



IAC Members said it is important to share good stories about the NDIA in the news.



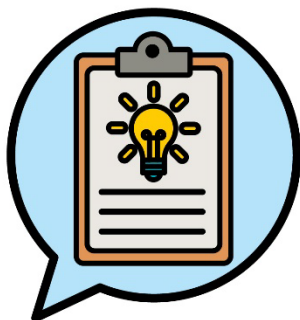
For example, having more people with disability share the good things about the NDIS.



This can help improve how the community feels about:

- participants
- the NDIS.

Update on the IAC's advice



IAC Members talked about the advice they're working on.



This includes their advice on the **justice system**.

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



The justice system includes:

- prisons
- courts
- police.

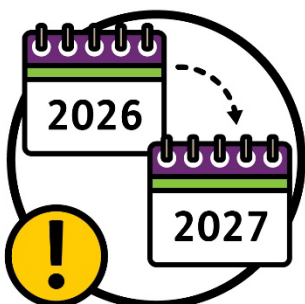
Update on the IAC's Work Plan



IAC Members shared how the IAC **Work Plan** is going.



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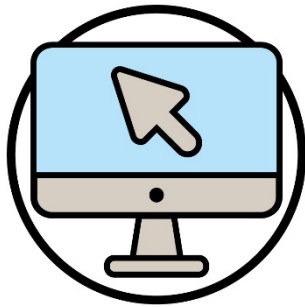


They talked about important parts of their Work Plan for 2026 to 2027.

Our next meeting



Our next meeting is on **25 June 2026**.

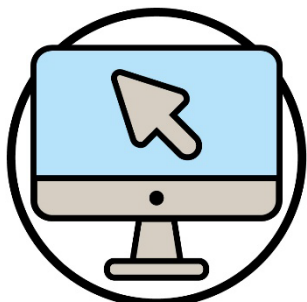


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Word list

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



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