



Independent Advisory Council

An Easy Read meeting bulletin

3–4 July 2024



How to use this bulletin



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

It explains what we did in our meeting.



The Independent Advisory Council gives advice about ways to make the NDIS better.

In this bulletin, we just say IAC.



The IAC wrote this bulletin.

When you read the word 'we', it means the IAC.



We wrote this bulletin in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



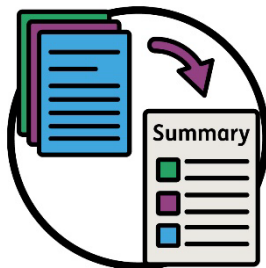
We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these bold words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **18**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another bulletin.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other bulletin on our website.

www.ndis-iac.com.au/meetings



You can ask for help to read our bulletin.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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What happened at the meeting?

Ms Leah van Poppel ran the meeting.



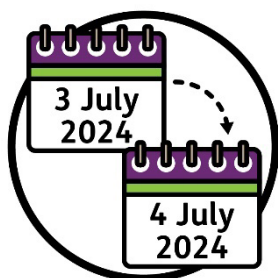
She is the IAC's Principal Member.

She's also a member of 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.



We held the meeting on 3 and 4 July 2024.



It was the first time we had a meeting with all 4 **Reference Groups**.

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

At the meeting, IAC and Reference Group members talked about:



- changes in the disability community that might happen soon



- the IAC Work Plan for 2024 to 2025.

Our Work Plan explains the work we will do this year.

What important updates were in the meeting?

Changes in the disability community



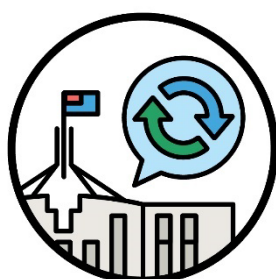
IAC and Reference Group members talked about how the NDIA might change soon.



They talked about:

- what might change
- how to make sure these changes work well.

What governments will say



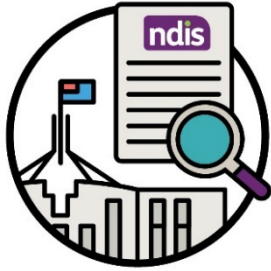
IAC and Reference Group members talked about some advice from the government about what might change.



This includes how some of the laws about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) might change.



This also includes what governments might say about the **NDIS Review**.



The Australian Government checked the NDIS to find out what:

- worked well
- could be better.

They call it the NDIS Review.



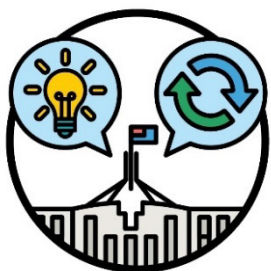
Members also talked about what governments might say about the **Disability Royal Commission**.



The Disability Royal Commission looked into problems people with disability have experienced.

It helped the Australian Government find out:

- what went wrong
- what we need to fix.



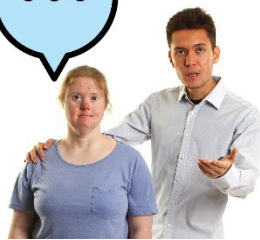
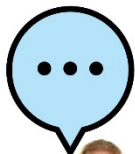
The disability community is waiting to hear from the government about:

- their advice
- what will change.

Listening to people with disability



Members shared that it's important to listen to people with disability about how they want things to change.



Members also shared that the IAC and Reference Groups can help people with disability have their say about how the NDIA will change.



Members heard from Mr Kurt Fearnley AO.

Kurt is the Chairperson of the NDIA Board.

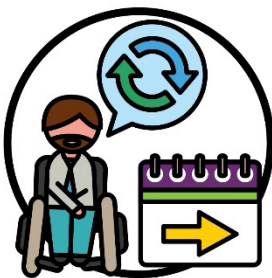
This means he runs the NDIA Board.



Members also heard from Mrs Joan McKenna Kerr.
Joan is an NDIA Board member.



Kurt and Joan shared that the NDIA Board will keep making sure people with disability can have their say about everything the NDIA does.



They also shared that a lot might change for the disability community in the future.

How the NDIA will manage changes

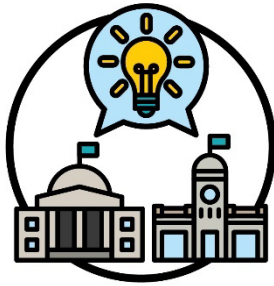
Members also heard from Mr Scott McNaughton.



Scott is the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NDIA.

This means he's running the NDIA for a short period of time.

Scott explained that the NDIA is waiting:



- for governments to share their ideas about the NDIS Review



- to find out how laws about the NDIS might change.

Scott shared that the NDIA is:



- getting ready to work on the new changes



- making sure they keep working well while they wait for the new changes.

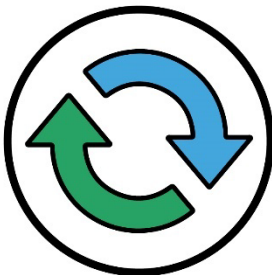


Scott also explained that the NDIA want to keep working with the community.

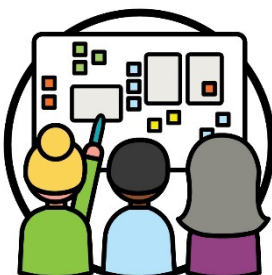
This includes sharing information about **co-design** work on:



- new projects



- things they want to change.



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

Listening to other people in the disability community



Members talked about organisations who speak up for people who support people with disability.



Members explained that these organisations are important for the NDIA.

They can help the NDIA hear about what is important to people in the disability community.



Members heard from Mr Jeff Smith.

Jeff is the CEO of the Disability Advocacy Network Alliance (DANA).

DANA supports organisations who help people from the disability community have their say.



Jeff shared how organisations who speak up for people who support people with disability work with the NDIA.



This includes co-design work they do with the NDIA about important changes.

IAC Work Plan for 2024 to 2025



Members talked about our Work Plan for next year.



Our Work Plan includes **7** key areas.



Members agreed that all IAC work will focus more on how to support people with disability who experience **intersectionality**.



Intersectionality is the idea that different parts of who you are can affect:

- your experiences
- how people treat you.



For example, your:

- disability
- **gender.**

Your gender is what you feel and understand about who you are as a person.



You might think of yourself as a man or a woman or something different.

You can choose the words that are right for you.



Members also agreed that future IAC work should look at the ideas from the NDIS Review.

Our next meeting



Our next meeting is on 15 August 2024.



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- our meetings and bulletins
- the next meeting for each Reference Group.



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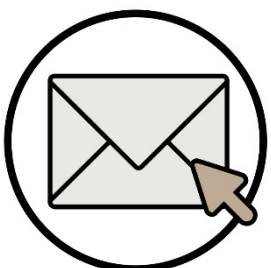
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Word list

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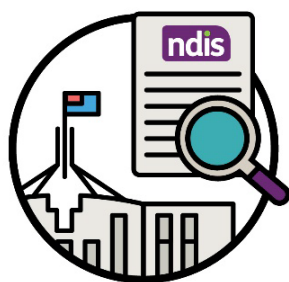
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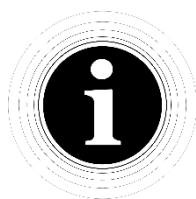
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