

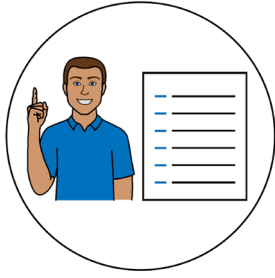
Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

Meeting Bulletin 21 April 2021



Easy Read





Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



About this book

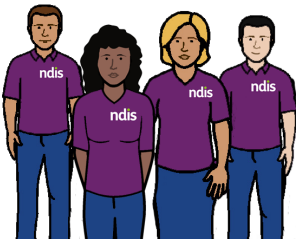


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.



The Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS gives advice to the **National Disability Insurance Agency**.

We will call it the Council.



The National Disability Insurance Agency or NDIA manages the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**.

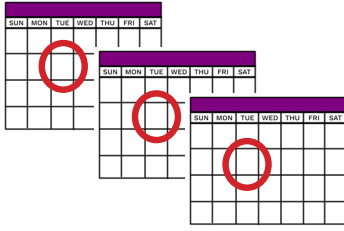


The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.



This book tells you what happened at our meeting on 21 April 2021.

Who was at the meeting?



The Council meets every month.



The meeting was run by Ms Robyn Kruk who is the Council's Principal Member.



Linda Reynolds who is the new Minister for the NDIS was at the meeting with

- 12 Council members
- 1 expert adviser
- NDIA managers.



The Council talked about things the NDIA is working on.



The NDIA CEO and managers spoke at the meeting to

- tell us about the work they do
- ask for our feedback.

What happened at the meeting?



1 _____

2 _____

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Updates from the Principal Member

The Council has almost finished its **formal advice** on ways the NDIA can help NDIS participants

- feel part of their community

and

- feel like they belong.

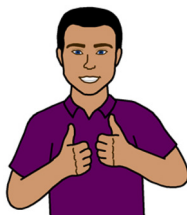


Formal advice means we tell the NDIA what we think about how they manage the NDIS.



Formal advice helps the NDIA learn about

- problems that people with disability might have

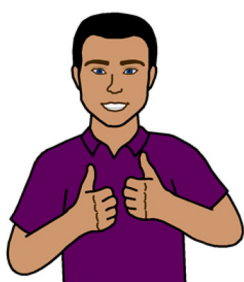


- ways the NDIA can help fix the problems.

Updates from the Minister



The Council sent the Minister information about problems the community has with **Scheme reforms**.



Scheme reforms are important changes the NDIA will do to

- make the NDIS better for everyone

and



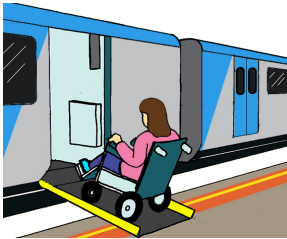
- change NDIS laws.



The Minister wants to work with people with disability to make sure Scheme reforms are done well.



The Minister will work with the Council to understand the results of the **Independent Assessment** test.



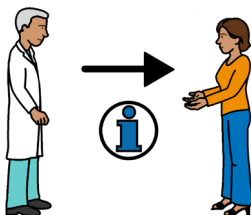
Independent Assessments are the new way the NDIA will work out

- how your disability affects your life

and



- what supports you need from the NDIS.



The assessments are independent because they are done by someone who

- does **not** already know you

and



- is **not** the healthcare professional you usually see.

The NDIA is doing a test of the Independent Assessments to find out



- what works well

and



- what can work better.

The NDIA calls this test a pilot.

The Minister wants



- the NDIS to be there for all Australians with a disability in the future

and



- to work with the Council to fix problems.



The Minister will meet with the Council again to talk about the how we can make sure the NDIS has enough money to run now and in the future.

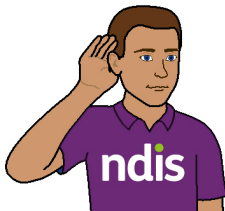
Scheme reforms



Council told the Minister that people in the disability community are happy that the NDIA is taking time to

- make sure Independent Assessments and Scheme reforms are done well

and



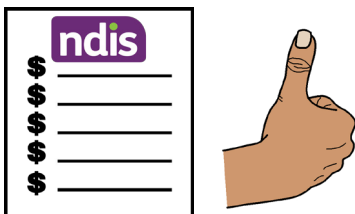
- listen to people with disability.



The Council wants to work with the new Minister, the NDIA Board and the NDIA to

- find answers to the problems on Scheme reforms

and



- make sure the NDIS is good value for participants.

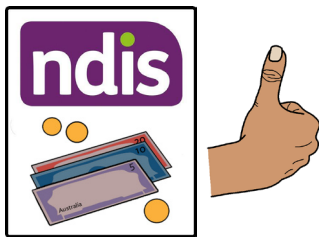


The NDIA told us that work is still happening to

- make Scheme reforms better
- find new ways to work with the community



- find better ways to work out money for participant plans



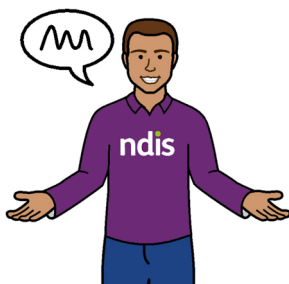
- make sure the NDIS has enough money to run now and in the future.



The NDIA also told us that they

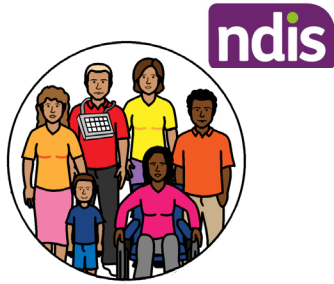
- have read a lot of ideas on Independent Assessments from the community

and



- will tell everyone about the ideas soon.

A NDIS for everyone who needs it



The Council told the Minister it wants the NDIS to be there for everyone who needs it.



The Council wants to make sure the NDIS includes

- women



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities



- communities with people
 - from different cultures

- who speak languages other than English



- communities in **rural and remote** areas.

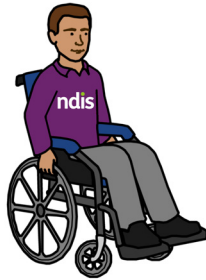
Rural and remote means they are away from big cities or towns.



The Council wants to see more people with disability work

- on the NDIA Board

and



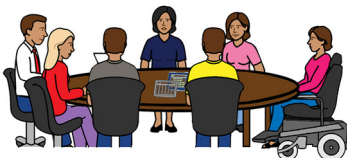
- as managers at the NDIA.

National Disability Strategy Advisory Council



The government has almost finished its **National Disability Strategy**.

The National Disability Strategy is the plan to make the lives of people with disability better.



The Council will help the government to set up an **Advisory Council**.



The Advisory Council will give advice about the National Disability Strategy.

The Council said the National Disability Strategy Advisory Council should make sure



- the group includes
 - people from different backgrounds



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



- a lot of people with disability

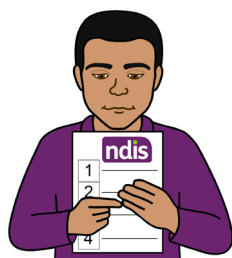
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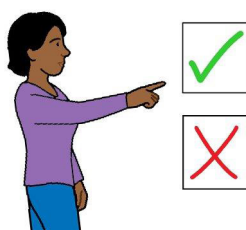
- they tell the **Parliament** about the work they are doing.

Parliament is a group of people who make laws for the country.

Support for decision making



To make the NDIS better the NDIA will use ideas from Council's advice on **support for decision making**.



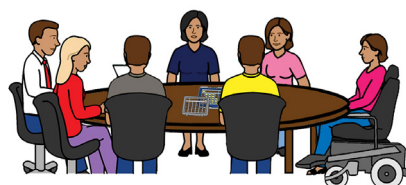
Support for decision making means help for people with disability to make their own decisions for their life.



The NDIA will make a **framework** about support for decision making.



Framework means how the NDIA will make something happen.



To make sure it gets the framework right the NDIA will work with

- the Intellectual Disability Reference Group

- people with disability.

More information



The next meeting is on **18 May 2021**.

For more information contact the
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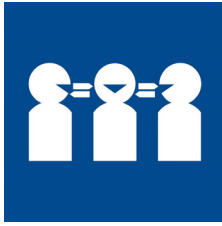


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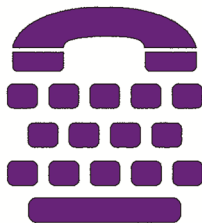
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