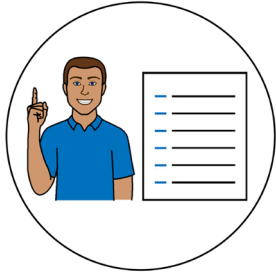


Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

Meeting Bulletin 18 May 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

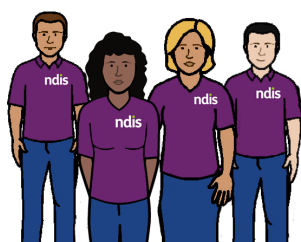


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.

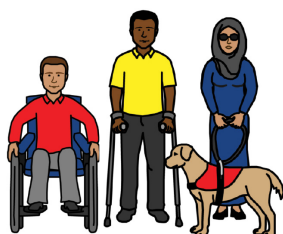
We will call it the Council.



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



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.



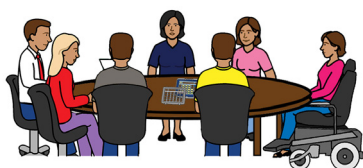
This book tells you what happened at our meeting on 18 May 2021.

The Council meets every month.

Who was at the meeting?



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

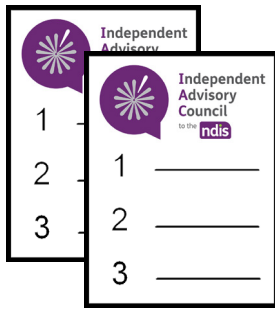


The other people at the meeting were

- Dr Helen Nugent who is the Chair of the NDIA Board
- 12 Council members
- 1 expert adviser
- NDIA managers.



What happened at the meeting?



Updates from the Principal Member

The Council will give 2 **formal advice** reports to the NDIA Board.



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



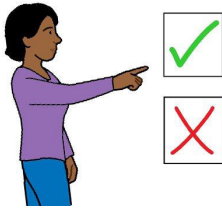
Formal advice helps the NDIA learn about

- problems that people with disability might have

and

- ways the NDIA can help fix the problems.

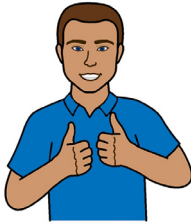




The 1st report is about ways the NDIA can help NDIS participants

- have choice and control

and



- be safe.



The 1st report will be given to the NDIA Board in June.



The 2nd report is about ways the NDIA can help NDIS participants feel

- part of their community

and

- like they belong.

Updates from the NDIA Board Chair



The NDIA Board Chair understands the problems Council has with

- **Scheme reforms**

and



- **Independent Assessments.**

Scheme reforms are important changes the NDIA will do to

- make the NDIS better for everyone

and



- change NDIS laws.

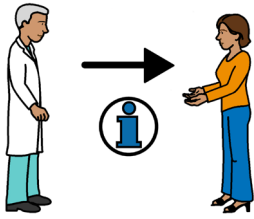
Independent Assessments are the new way the NDIA will work out

- 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 Board Chair wants to

- get more advice from Council to make sure Scheme reforms are done well

and



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



Reports from Council

Council members talked about problems that people with disability have told them about the NDIS.



Problems we have heard about

Some people do **not** trust the NDIS



There is information on social media about the NDIS that is **not** true.



There needs to be **more** accessible communications for people with disability.
For example, plain English, Easy Read and video.



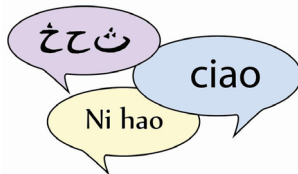
Older parents and older participants need **more** support.



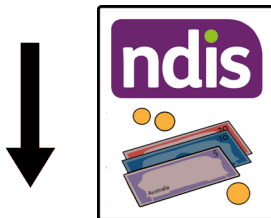
There are **not** many NDIS participants from

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

and



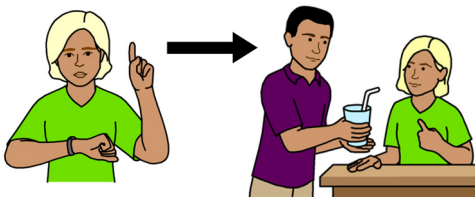
- different cultures that speak languages other than English or do **not** speak English.



Some NDIS participants get **less** money after their plan review.



There is **not** enough support for people with disability who need **help** to speak or write to make their own decisions about their life.



People on the NDIS wait a long time to get services from disability support workers.



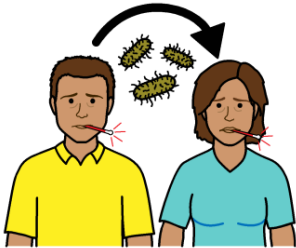
Not enough people with disability have had their **coronavirus vaccination.**



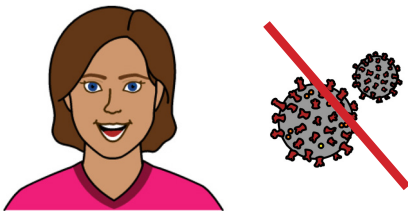
Coronavirus

- can make people very sick

and



- is spread when you are close to someone else.



A vaccination is medicine to

- protect you from a virus

and

- help to **stop** you getting sick.



When you get the coronavirus vaccine it can help keep you and the community safe.

Scheme reforms



Work is still happening to make Scheme reforms better.

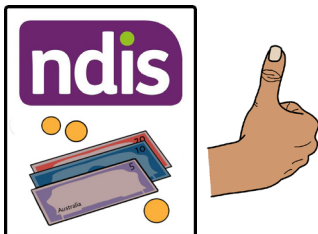


The NDIA and Council will have a meeting about Scheme reforms to

- 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 meeting will

- happen soon



- be run by an independent organisation.

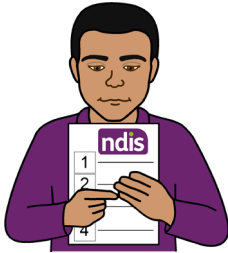
Other NDIA work



The NDIA is doing work on its **corporate plan**.

The corporate plan says

- what the goals are for the next 4 years



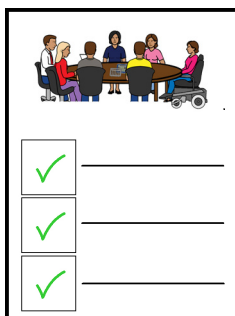
- what work will be done from
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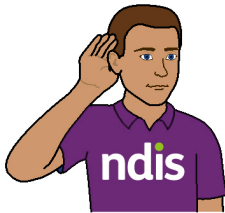
The corporate plan helps the Council with its own **work plan**.

Our work plan says

- what we will do in the next 12 months to
make the NDIS better for the people who use it



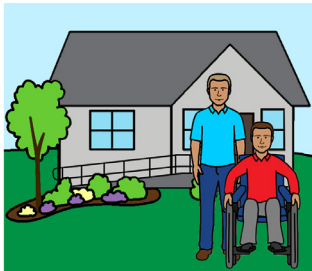
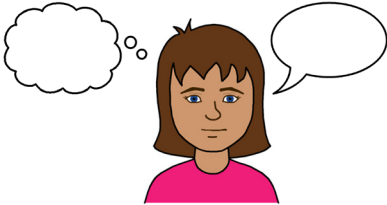
- what work will be done from
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The NDIA is doing work to find out what people want to say about

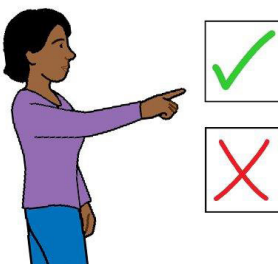
- **Autism**

- Autism is a disability that might affect how you
 - think
 - feel
 - communicate
 - connect and act with others.



- home and living

- everyone has the right to
 - live independently
 - have the supports they need in their homes
 - choose where and who to live with.



- support for decision making

- help for people with disability to make their own decisions for their life.

More information



The next meeting is on **22 June 2021**.

For more information contact the
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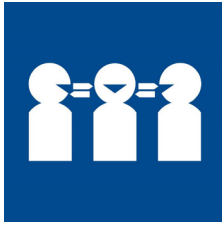


Call 1800 800 110

For more information about advice the Council
has given go to our website.



www.ndis-iac.com.au/advice



If you need help with English

Telephone Interpreting Service.

Call 131 450



If you need help to speak or listen

Use the National Relay Service.

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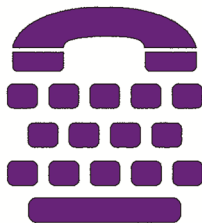
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