

Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

Meeting Notes from 12 November 2020



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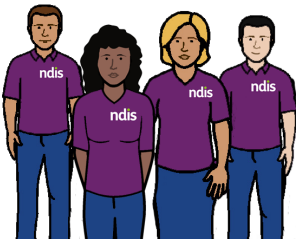


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.



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**.

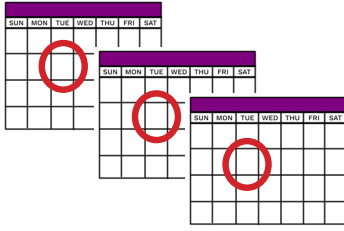


The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.



This book tells you what happened at our meeting on 12 November 2020.

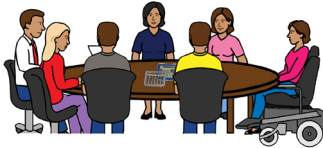
Who was at the meeting?



The Council meets every month.



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



Also at the meeting were

- 12 Council members

and

- an expert adviser.



The Council talked about things the NDIA is working on.

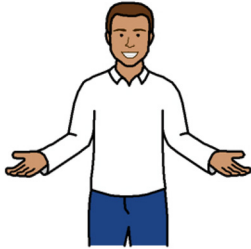


The NDIA CEO and managers spoke at the meeting to

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

What happened at the meeting?

Updates about the Council



The Principal Member talked about Council updates including

- a welcome to new Council member Dr Leighton Jay



- work Ms Leah van Poppel is doing as the new Deputy Chair of the Council



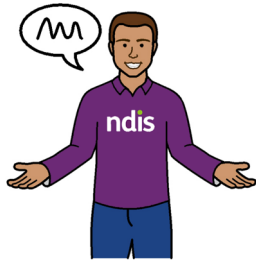
- work being done to
 - set up **reference groups**
 - find people to be part of the reference groups.

Reference groups will help the Council to do their work.



The Principal Member spoke about the new Strategic Advisor for Intellectual Disability being a good addition for the NDIA.

Independent Assessments



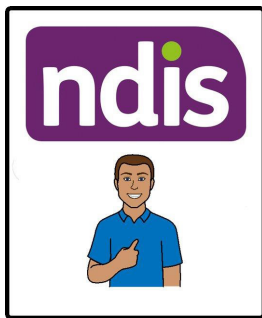
The NDIA spoke about **Independent Assessments**.



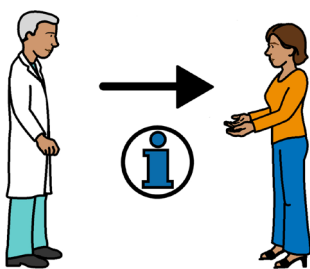
Independent Assessments is the new way the NDIA will work out

- 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



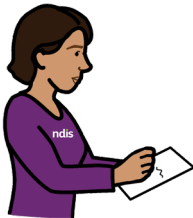
- is **not** the healthcare professional you usually see.



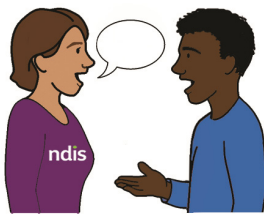
The NDIA will

- talk to people with disability

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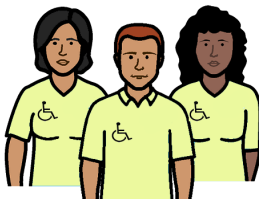
- do more work to make the Independent Assessments happen.



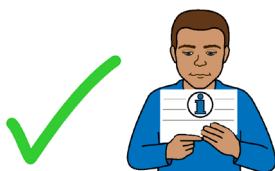
The Council thinks it is important to know how Independent Assessments will work with

- NDIA liaison officers

- Local Area Coordinators

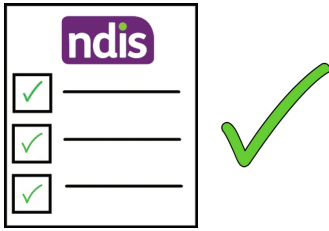


- community connectors.



The Council wants the NDIA to make all information about Independent Assessments accessible.

Participant Satisfaction Survey



The NDIA spoke about work being done to make the **Participant Satisfaction Survey** better.



Participant Satisfaction Survey means NDIS participants give **feedback** on services they get from the NDIS. We will call it the survey.



Feedback means you tell someone what you think.



The NDIA told the Council that

- more participants can now be part of the survey

and



- more participants in the survey means the NDIA can make services better.



The survey is being tested for accessibility and the Council will help with this work.

National Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework



The Council was asked to give feedback on the **National Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework**.

The National Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework is for government to

- understand how well some things work for people with disability

and

- use the information to help people with disability reach their goals.



The Council will tell government what goals to measure so the outcomes frameworks work well.

For example

- access to education

and

- employment opportunities.

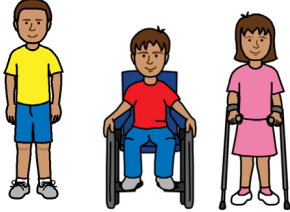




The Council said that the National Disability Strategy needs to have clear information about

- justice and the law

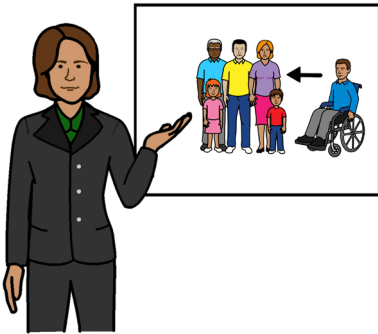
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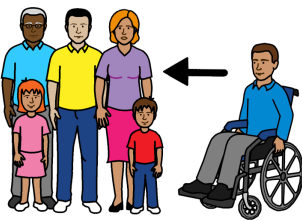
- child protection systems.

For example, information about children with disability in out of home care.

Information Linkages and Capacity Building program



The Department of Social Services or DSS spoke to the Council about the **Information Linkages and Capacity Building program**.



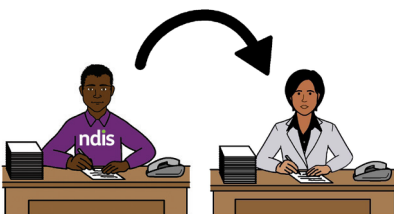
The Information Linkages and Capacity Building program or ILC program gives money to community programs to help make sure people with disability

- are connected and included in the community

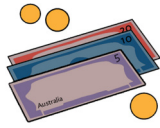
and



- can reach their goals.



The ILC program is now managed by the DSS instead of the NDIA.



The Council told the DSS that

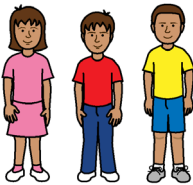
- the ILC program needs **more** money to do everything it needs to do

and



- **more** money should go to
 - groups who employ people with disability

and



- projects for young children.

Early Childhood Early Intervention



The Council was asked to give feedback on the **Early Childhood Early Intervention Implementation Reset Project**.



Early Childhood Early Intervention is how the NDIS helps children under the age of 7 years.



The Implementation Reset Project is a review of how the NDIA supports early childhood and

- what works well

and



- what can work better.



The Council is working with the NDIA to make early childhood supports better.

More information



The next meeting is on **11 December 2020**.

For more information contact the
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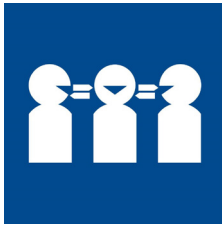


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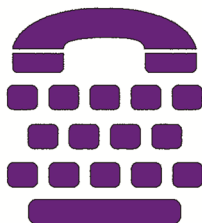
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