

Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

Meeting Bulletin 11 December 2020



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

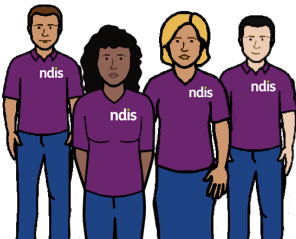


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.



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**.

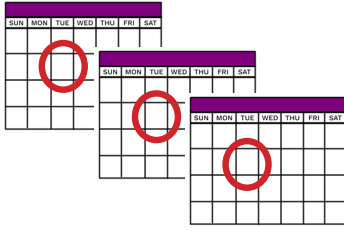


The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.



This book tells you what happened at our meeting on 11 December 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

- 1 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 from the Principal Member



New **reference group** members will be announced at the February 2021 meeting.

Reference groups help the Council to do their work.



The Council is working on the feedback they will give about the **National Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework**.



The National Disability Strategy Outcomes Framework will help the government

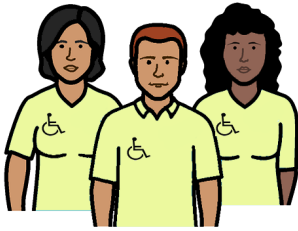
- understand how well some things work for people with disability

and



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

Local Area Coordinators



The Council spoke about its **formal advice** on **Local Area Coordinators**.

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



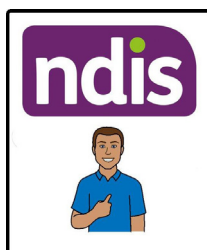
- ways the NDIA can help fix the problems.

Local Area Coordinators or LACs are the people who give services and help you



- get the supports you need to have a good life

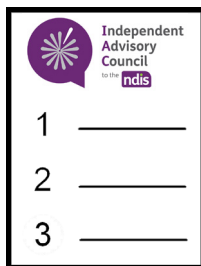
- understand and use the NDIS and other disability services in your community



- make an NDIS plan.

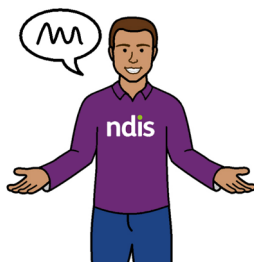


The Council's formal advice says what the NDIA can do to help participants use Local Area Coordinators in ways that help them the most.

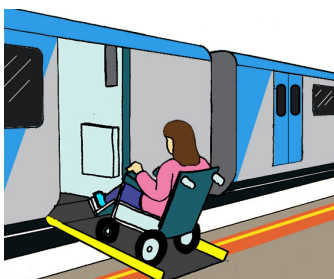


The Council will send its formal advice about Local Area Coordinators to the NDIA Board in February 2021.

Independent Assessments



The NDIA spoke about **Independent Assessments**.

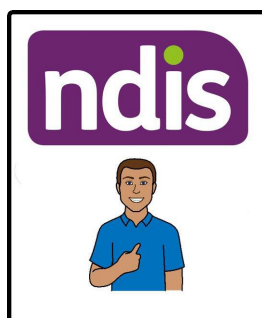


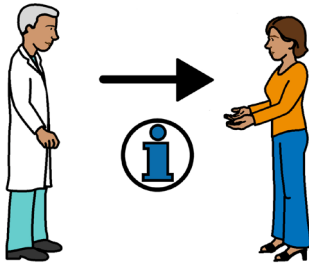
Independent Assessments are the new way the NDIA will work out

- 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



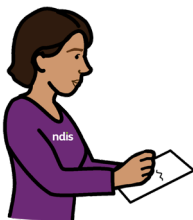
- is **not** the healthcare professional you usually see.



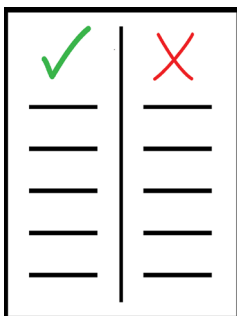
The NDIA will still

- talk to people with disability

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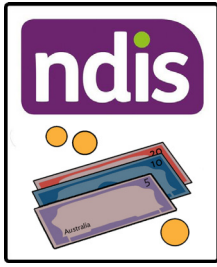


- do more work to make the Independent Assessments happen.



The Council wants to make sure there are **standards** for service and quality for Independent Assessments.

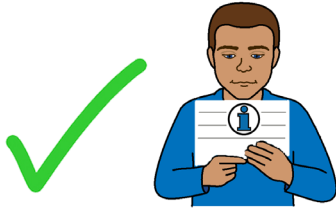
Standards are rules that say what must happen to make sure service and quality is good for participants.



The Council will also make sure there is

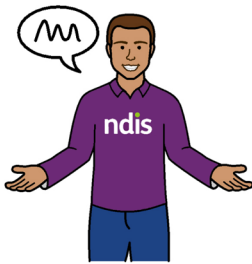
- information about how Independent Assessments will affect money in a participant's NDIS plan

and



- accessible information about Independent Assessments.

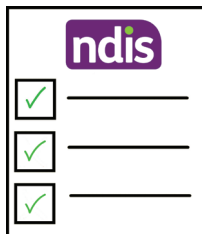
Research and evaluation



The NDIA spoke about their **research** and **evaluation** work.



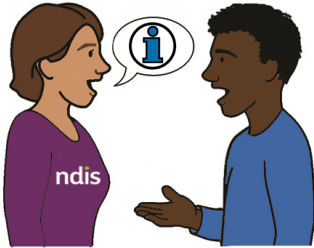
Research means you look for information to learn more about something.



Evaluation means you find out if the work has done what it needed to do.



The NDIA wants to work with the Council on research and evaluation.



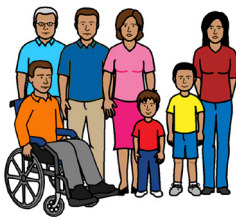
Research and evaluation will help the NDIA

- learn and collect information about its work and people with disability

and



- use information to learn if the NDIS has made things better for people with disability.

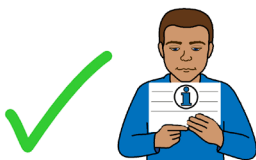


The Council wants to make sure the work

- includes people with disability and their families



- includes people with intellectual disability who do **not** use words to communicate



- is made in an easy to read way.

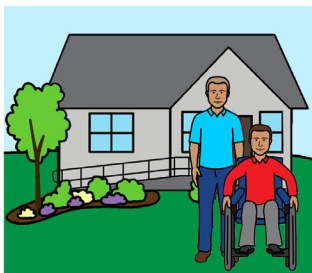
Help for people with disability to live independently



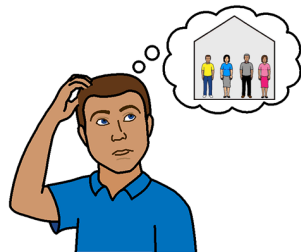
The NDIA spoke about its work to make sure people with disability can

- have the supports they need in their homes

and



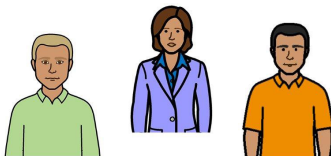
- choose where and who to live with.



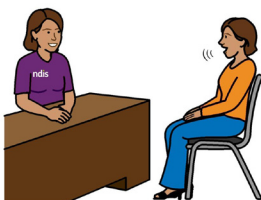
The Council said that any changes made by the NDIA need to

- help people with disability think of life outside a group home

and

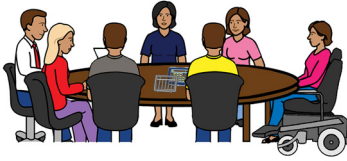


- help participants make their own decisions about who they want to live with.



The NDIA will ask the community for feedback on this work in February 2021.

More information



The next meeting is on **4 February 2021**.

For more information contact the
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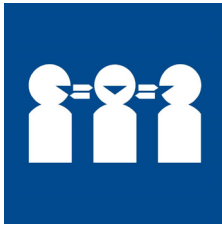


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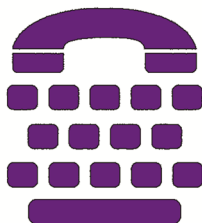
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