

People with disability want the same opportunities as everyone else. Somewhere to work, somewhere to live, somewhere to enjoy the company of family and friends, and the chance to follow their passions and interests. We want an NDIS that puts people with disability at the centre and makes these things possible.

Control

People with disability must be in control – not just of their NDIS plans but also in the way the scheme is designed and rolled out. The NDIS must be fair - we want good outcomes for everyone not just those who are connected, or well educated, resourced or who have an advocate.

Certainty

People with disability, their families and carers need to know the NDIS will be there for them when they need it. Participants need to know services will be there for them, and those without a plan need other programs to continue. No one should be left without support. Funding tagged for the NDIS stay within the NDIS and be used to support participants or fix up problems with the scheme.

Community

The NDIS was never intended to work in isolation. The gap in life outcomes between those with a disability and those without will never close without action in all areas of life – employment, health, education and transport are all areas that need immediate action.

How do we make this happen?

- Simpler, easier and quicker processes
- Clear communication that is easy to understand
- More help for people, families and carers at every stage of the process including advocacy and peer support
- Better trained staff to clear backlogs
- A functioning IT system
- Focused and resourced attention on groups who need more support, e.g. those with complex needs, Indigenous Australians, or those from a culturally or linguistically diverse background

- Full funding enshrined in legislation. And NDIS funds quarantined for use within the NDIS
- Active intervention to make sure people have a diverse range of quality services to choose from and no one is left to fall through the cracks
- Independently set prices
- Urgent action on the way NDIS works with other systems like health, justice and transport
- Greater resourcing of Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) and return of other programs that support people with disability, their families and carers

- Greater attention and resourcing to the National Disability Strategy
- Immediate action on employment, education, housing, transport and health. Targets must be set – and met
- An immediate timeline for a Royal Commission into violence, abuse and neglect experienced by people with disability, and consultation with people with disability on the Terms of Reference