

# A WAY FORWARD FOR THE NDIS

## Terms of Engagement with the disability community

This is the opportunity for the government and the disability community to reset the relationship to build a better National Disability Insurance Scheme for all Australians.

- The NDIS is a critical piece of Australia's social infrastructure, like Medicare.
- Operating to its founding principles the NDIS saves costs to government and delivers social and economic dividends for Australia.
- We all share the risks and rewards of the NDIS so its ongoing development must be collaborative with people with disability, our families and our community.

### Our 5 Terms of Engagement

- 1** People with disability must be at the centre of decision-making as partners in the NDIS.
- 2** People with disability must be represented in NDIS governance, in the leadership of the National Disability Insurance Agency, and in the delivery of the NDIS.
- 3** Engagement must be honest, transparent and respectful.
- 4** Changes to the NDIS need to be co-produced in collaboration with people with disability, our families and our representative organisations.
- 5** Australia's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities underpins engagement.

### What needs to happen next

- Stop all proposed changes to NDIS access and planning.
- Government commits to these Terms of Engagement and work with us to develop action plan to improve the NDIS for all Australians.
- Immediately review and strengthen the governance of the NDIS - including the accountability of the NDIA.



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