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NDIS

Email your Member of Parliament (MP) about NDIS assessments



ndis World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 (WHODAS 2.0)

This questionnaire asks about difficulties due to health/mental health conditions. Health conditions include diseases or illnesses, other health problems that may be short or long lasting, injuries, mental or emotional problems, and problems with alcohol or drugs. Think back over the past 30 days and answer these questions thinking about how much difficulty you had doing the following activities. For each question, please circle only one response.

Age: _____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date: _____

Home-use scores assigned for each of the items:

Item	1	2	3	4	5	Comments/Use only
D1.1 Understanding and communicating						
D1.2 Remembering to do something for later						
D1.3 Analyzing and finding solutions to problems in day-to-day life?						
D1.4 Learning a new task, for example, learning how to get to a new place?						
D1.5 Generally understanding what people say?						
D1.6 Starting and maintaining a conversation?						
D2.1 Standing for long periods, such as 30 minutes?						
D2.2 Standing up from sitting down?						
D2.3 Moving around inside your home?						
D2.4 Getting out of your home?						
D2.5 Walking a long distance, such as a kilometer (or equivalent)?						
D3.1 Washing your whole body?						
D3.2 Getting dressed?						

Self-care

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About this document



The information in this booklet is written in an easy to read way.



We use pictures to explain ideas.

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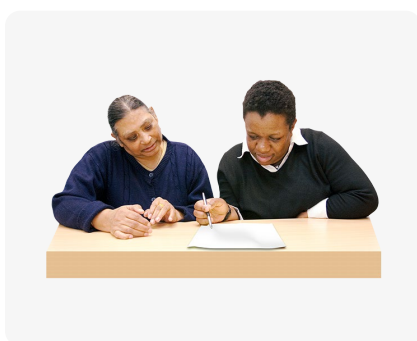
Some words are written in thick **bold** letters.



We explain what these words mean.



This document is an Easy Read version of <https://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/meet-your-mp/>



You can ask someone to help you read this.

A family member, friend or support person could help.

Every Australian Counts



We are **Every Australian Counts**.



Every Australian Counts is the group that fought for the introduction of the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**.



People call it the **NDIS** for short.



Every Australian Counts is a big group of

- people with disability
- families
- and people who work in disability

Why we made this document



Every Australian Counts wants people with disability and their families to send an email to their local Federal **Member of Parliament**.



It is about NDIS **independent assessments**.

Independent assessments

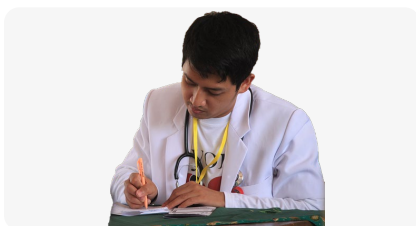


The NDIS is making plans to introduce something called independent assessments.



Independent assessments are like a test.

- There are lots of questions
- They try to measure what effect your disability has on your life
- They try to measure what you can do
- They also try to measure what you cannot do



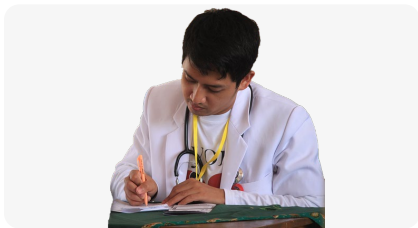
Health workers like psychologists or speech therapists will do these assessments.



You might have already done an assessment like this before with a therapist or a doctor.



This time the assessment will not be done by someone you know.

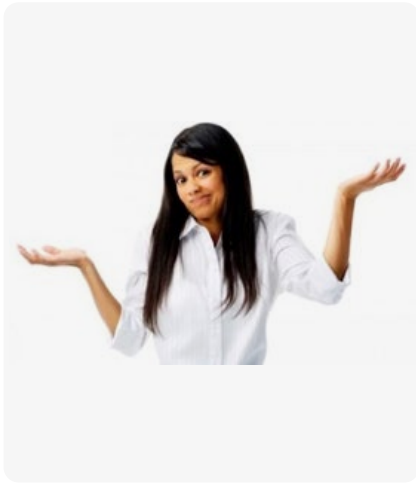


It will be done by someone the NDIS chooses.

People are worried



Lots of people with disability and their families are worried about assessments.



They do not understand

- why they are being introduced
- how it will affect them
- how it will affect their NDIS plan and funds



We think the **government** should talk to people with disability and their families before making big changes to the NDIS.

Members of Parliament (MPs)



In the Australian **Parliament** there are 151 Members of Parliament.

Members of Parliament are called **MPs** for short.



Every MP represents a certain area.

These areas are called **electorates**.



Part of an MP's job is to

- listen to the people who live in their electorate
- speak for them in Parliament



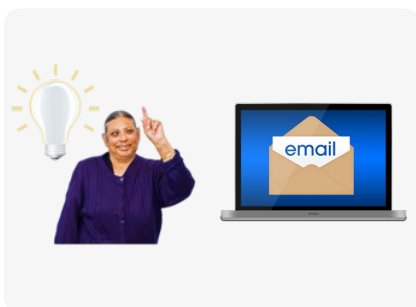
We want people with disability and families to send an email to their MP.



We want MPs to know why people are so worried about independent assessments.



Then MPs can talk about independent assessments in Parliament.

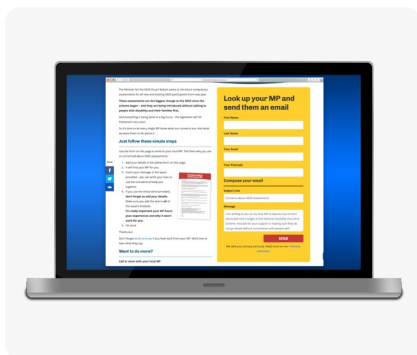


This booklet explains

- how to find your local MP
- how send an email

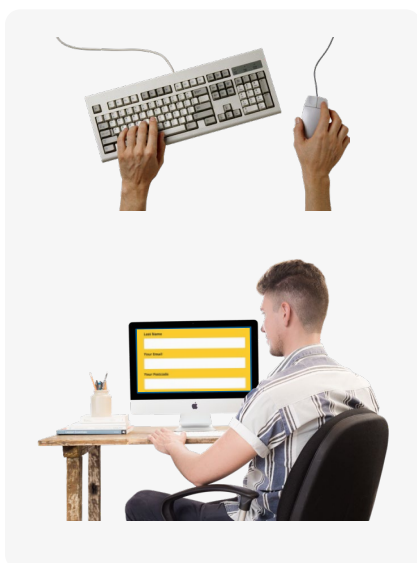
Step 1

Find out who your local MP is



There is a form on our website.

<https://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/contact-your-mp/>



Type into the form

- Your name
- Your email address
- Your postcode

Your postcode is the 4 numbers that go at the end of your address.

Your Postcode

Your electorate is
McEwen
We will send your message to:

- Rob Mitchell,

Your MP's name will show up.

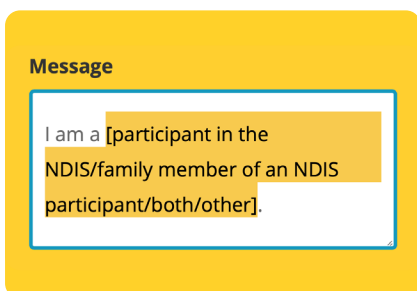
Step 2

Send an email



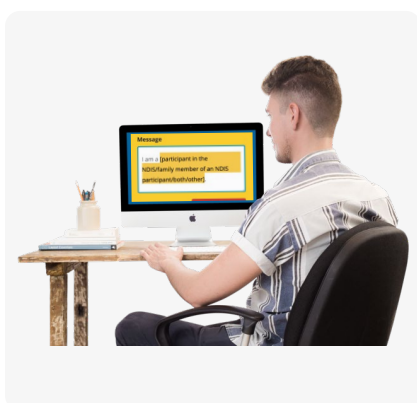
There is an email to send to your MP in the form.

We wrote the email.



You have to add some words in the email.

Those words are inside **square brackets**.



You can change the message in the email.

Or you can leave it the same.

It is your choice.



You can tell your MP about your experience of the NDIS.



You can tell your MP why you are so worried about these new assessments.



Press send when you have finished writing.

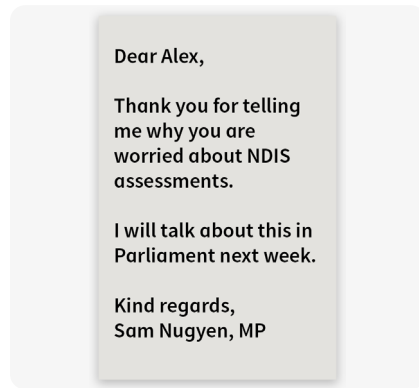


All done.

You have sent your email.

Step 3

Tell us what happened



Your MP might write back to you.

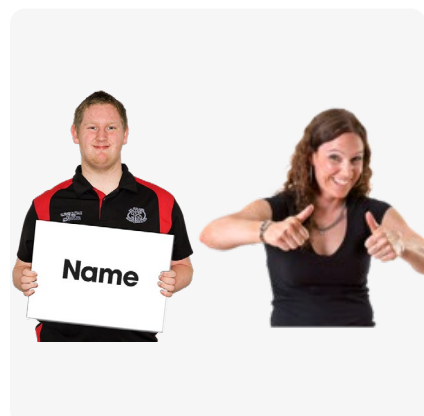
We want to know if they said they would help.



You can send us an email to tell us.

Our email address is

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You can tell us

- What is your MP's name?
- Did your MP say they would help?
- What did they say they would do?