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NDIS

Talking about the NDIS with your Member of Parliament (MP)



ndis World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 (WHODAS 2.0) 2.0 form version, self-administered

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

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.

None Mild Moderate Severe Extreme or cannot do

In the last 30 days, how much difficulty did you have in:

Question	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Extreme or cannot do
D1.1 Understanding and communicating					
D1.2 Concentrating on doing something for ten minutes?					
D1.3 Remembering to do important things?					
D1.4 Analyzing and finding solutions to problems in day-to-day life?					
D1.5 Learning a new task, for example, learning how to get to a new place?					
D1.6 Generally understanding what people say?					
D2.1 Starting and maintaining a conversation?					
D2.2 Standing for long periods, such as 30 minutes?					
D2.3 Standing up from sitting down?					
D2.4 Moving around inside your home?					
D2.5 Getting out of your home?					
D2.6 Walking a long distance, such as a kilometer (or equivalent)?					
D3.1 Washing your whole body?					
D3.2 Getting dressed?					

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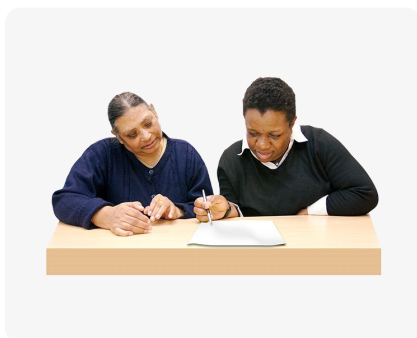
Some words are written in thick **bold** letters.



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 go and talk to their local Federal **Member of Parliament**.

People say **MP** for short.



We want people to talk about the NDIS with their local MP.



This document explains

- how to find your local MP
- how to ask for a meeting



It also gives you some ideas about what to talk about.

Independent assessments

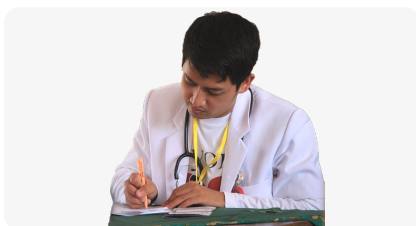


The NDIS is making plans to introduce something called **independent assessments**.



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



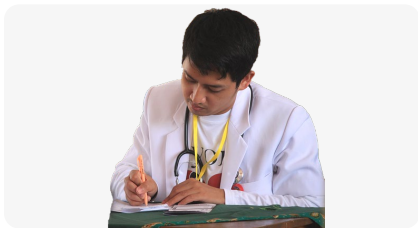
Health workers like psychologists or speech therapists will do these assessments.



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.

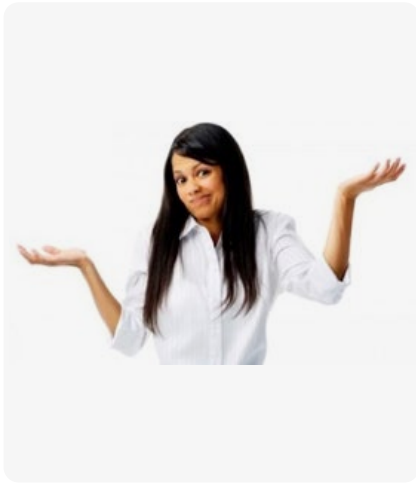


It will be done by someone the NDIS chooses.

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.



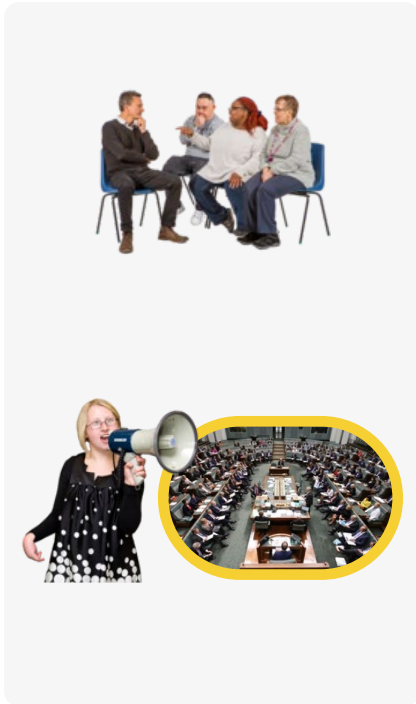
Every MP represents a certain area.

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 MPs to

- Have meetings with people with disability and families
- Understand why people are worried about independent assessments
- Tell the government what we want
- Speak up for us in Parliament

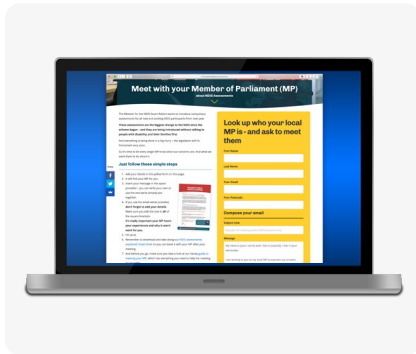


You can meet with your MP to

- Talk about your experience with the NDIS
- Tell your MP why you are worried about independent assessments.

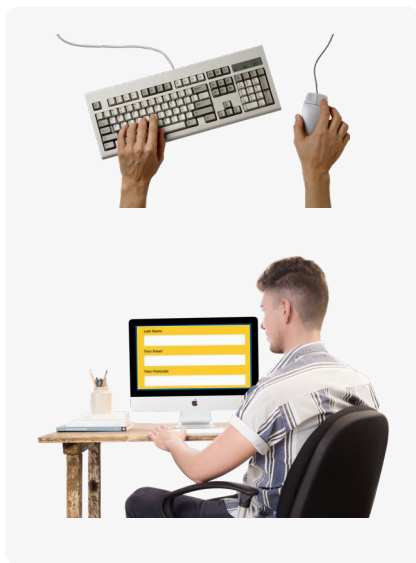
Step 1

Find out who your local MP is



There is a form on our website.

<https://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/meet-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.

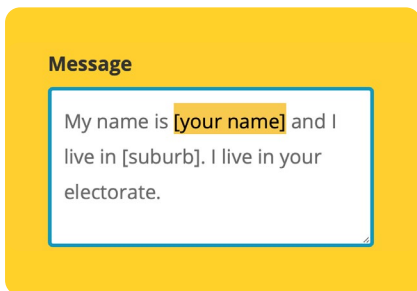
Step 2

Send your MP an email



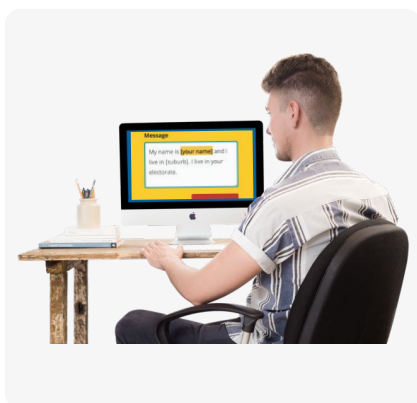
There is an email to send to your MP in the form.

We wrote the email.



You have to add some words in the email.

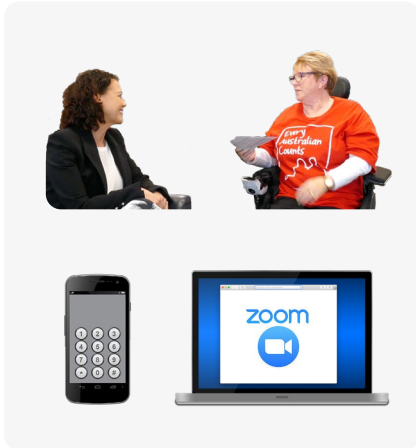
Those words are inside **square brackets**.



You can change the message in the email.

Or you can leave it the same.

It is your choice.



You can say if you want to have a meeting

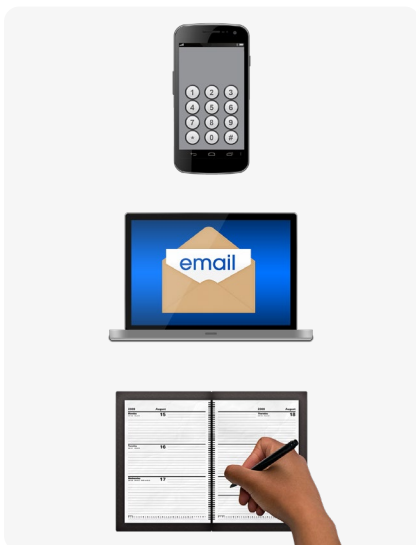
- in person
- over the phone
- on a video call



Send the email.



Wait 2 days.



Then call your MP.

Ask them if they got your email.

Ask them when they can meet with you.



You could say something like



Hi, I am calling because I sent an email to my MP.

I want to meet with them and talk about a big change to the NDIS that I am very worried about.



Ask them to set up a date and time for the meeting.

Step 3

Get ready for the meeting



The meeting will not be very long.
It might be 30 minutes.



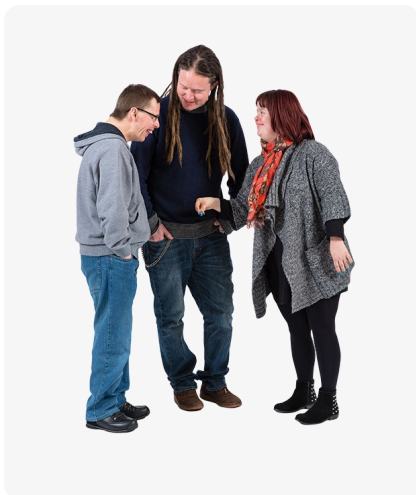
Before the meeting think about what you
want to say to your MP.



You can write down a few notes to help you
remember the most important things.



Then you can take the notes with you.



You can also take someone with you to the meeting.

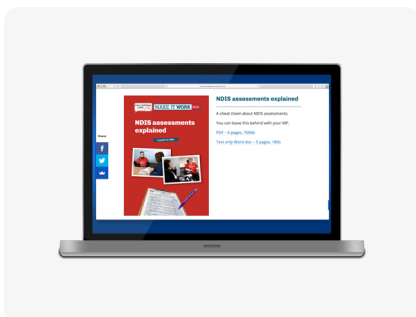
That might be a family member or a friend.

They can help you remember what you want to say.



We have made a booklet about independent assessments for MPs.

It is called **NDIS assessments explained**.



It is on our website

[http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/
wp-content/uploads/
NDIS-Assessments-explained.pdf](http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/NDIS-Assessments-explained.pdf)



You need to download it before your meeting.

Then you can give it to your MP at the meeting.

Step 4

At the meeting



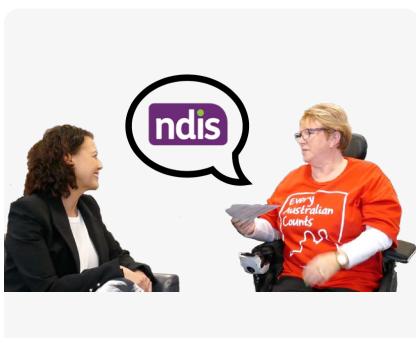
Introduce yourself and anyone who has come with you.



Tell your MP why you are meeting with them.



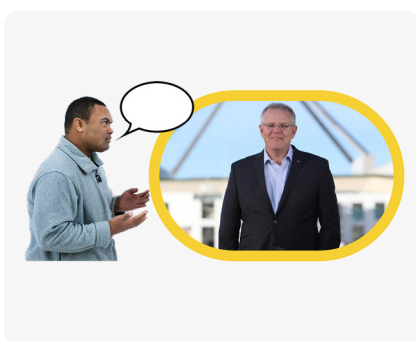
Tell your MP why you are worried about independent assessments.



Talk about your experience of the NDIS.



Tell your MP you want them to speak up for you in Parliament.



Tell your MP that you want them to talk to the government for you.



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



Leave the NDIS assessments explained booklet with your MP so they can read it later.

Step 5

After the meeting



Tell us about your meeting.

We want to know how it went.



You can send us an email.

Our email address is

submissions@everyaustraliancounts.com.au



You can tell us

- What is your MP's name?
- Did your MP listen to you?
- Did your MP say they would help?