



The Future of the NDIS



The Australian Government is doing a **review** of the NDIS.

Review means to look at something carefully.



The Review has been asking people around Australia about their experiences with the NDIS.



Professor Bruce Bonyhady is one of the chairs of the NDIS Review.



In August 2023, Professor Bonyhady talked to people in Newcastle about what the NDIS Panel has learned.



He said lots of people worked very hard to start the NDIS in 2013.



The NDIS started in some places in 2013. Some people had to wait until 2020 for the NDIS.



More than 600 thousand people now get support from the NDIS.



Some things need to change to make sure the NDIS works for everyone.



The Panel thinks there are 3 big challenges for the NDIS.



1. The NDIS cannot pay for everything that people with disabilities need.

Other services need to work together to support and include all people with disabilities.



2. We need to be clear about what reasonable and necessary means

Right now, people with disabilities need to prove that their NDIS supports are 'reasonable and necessary'.

People with disability and families told the panel this is confusing and not fair.



The Panel said people should have enough funding to participate in their community.



Local Area Coordinators (LACs) should not decide what support people need.

The NDIS should do this.



The panel thinks NDIS planning should happen after people have been told their NDIS funding.



3. Children with disabilities and their families should get more support



Professor Bonyhady said we want the NDIS to be here for a very long time.



We need to keep checking the NDIS to make sure it is working.

This must be done together with people with disabilities, families, and advocates.



You can watch or listen to this talk on the NDIS Review website:

www.ndisreview.gov.au/news/future-ndis-and-where-we-are-heading