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The Independent Advisory Council (Council) to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) brings the participant's voice to the heart of the NDIS. The Council gives independent advice to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board, as part of the *NDIS Act 2013*.

Update on partnership agreement

The Council is keen to move forward on the development of a partnership agreement between the NDIA and the disability community. To this end, Council hosted a small meeting of members of the disability community to contemplate possible starting points for engagement with the broader disability community. The meeting included NDIA staff who will be pivotal in ensuring the NDIA has the capability to meet community expectations and to provide a starting point, for how co-design between the Agency, Council and the disability community will work in line with the outcomes of the [Disability Reform Ministers' Meeting](#).

People who participated in the meeting were invited for their interest and deep knowledge of co-design and their knowledge of disability and intersectional communities. Wide ranging discussion covered issues such as what co-design is, expectations and constraints in working together, possible principles for engagement, possible priorities for co-design work and processes for establishing priorities. The aim was to lay the groundwork for facilitating open discussion based on Council's recommendations in its advice, taking into account the changes that have occurred since that time.

Council hopes that very soon it will be in a position to join together with representatives of the disability community and other areas of government as needed, to collaborate on effective, respectful ways of working together and identify priority issues on which joint productive work might commence.

More information

Council welcomes feedback [through the Council Secretariat](#).