# Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

# Work Plan 2020 to 2021

Easy English 2020  
This is the text-only version of the Easy English document.

This information has some hard words.

Hard words will be marked with a star on both sides of the word.

We will write what the hard word means.

You can get someone to help you

* read this book
* know what this book is about
* find more information.

# About this book

The \*Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS\* wrote this book.

The Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS gives advice to the \*National Disability Insurance Agency\*.

The National Disability Insurance Agency or NDIA manages the \*National Disability Insurance Scheme\*.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.

This book is about our \*work plan\* from 1 July 2020   
to 30 June 2021.

Our work plan says what we will do in the next 12 months to make the NDIS better for all of the people who use it.

We will make sure the NDIS listens to what people want and need.

We will work with the NDIA to make sure \*participants\* get   
better outcomes.

Participants are people with disability who have an approved NDIS plan.

# About our work plan

There are 4 parts to our work plan.

1 \*Formal advice\*

Formal advice is when we write information and advice for the NDIA Board about

* topics to talk about
* ways to make the NDIS better.

This year we will give formal advice about

* participant safety
* \*Local Area Coordination\*

Local Area Coordination is the help that people with disability can get in their community

* better supports to help participants be part of their community
* support for families and carers.

2 \*Informal advice\*

Informal advice is when we talk to NDIA staff in meetings or as part of work groups.

This year we will give informal advice about

* independent assessments
* \*support coordination\*

Support coordination is the support for a participant to connect with services and use their NDIS plan

* how the NDIS will work in the future
* changes because of \*coronavirus\*

Coronavirus

* + can make people very sick
  + spreads when people are close to each other.

We will also give informal advice about

* \*Early Childhood Early Intervention\*

Early Childhood Early Intervention is how the NDIS helps children under the age of 7 years

* the \*National Disability Strategy\*

National Disability Strategy is the government’s plan for disability   
in Australia

* \*Supported Independent Living\*

Supported Independent Living means people with disability get support to live in a house

* the \*participant service guarantee\*

Participant service guarantee means how long it takes to get   
NDIS services.

For example, how many days it takes to get a plan.

3 \*Reference groups\*

Reference groups are people who come together to help us with the advice we give to the NDIA.

This year our reference groups will talk about

* support for people with intellectual disability
* where and how participants live
* children, young people and families
* \*equity\* and \*inclusion\* for participants.

Equity means things are fair.

Inclusion means everyone can be part of something.

4 Our \*communication plan\*

Communication plan means the ways we will give people information about us.

Our communication plan will help more people find out about

* what we do

and

* how we work with the NDIA.

# More information

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