

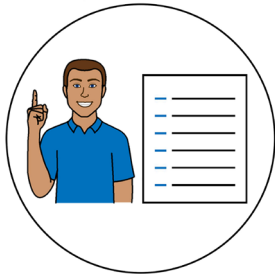


# Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS

## Work Plan 2021 to 2022



Easy Read



## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

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

## About this book

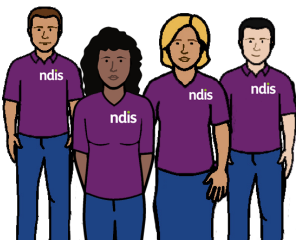


The **Independent Advisory Council to the NDIS** wrote this book.

We will call it the Council.



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**.



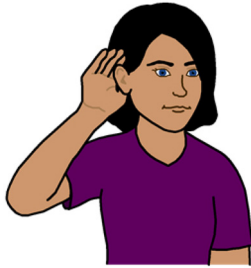
The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS gives services and support to people with disability.



This book is about our **work plan** from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.



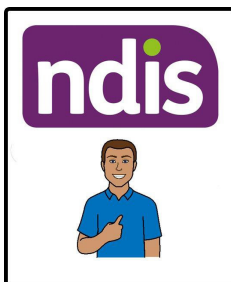
Our work plan says what we will do to make the NDIS better for all of the people who use it.



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 5 parts to our work plan.

## 1 Formal advice



Formal advice means we tell the NDIA what we think about how they manage the NDIS.



We also give formal advice to the NDIA Board and the Minister for the NDIS.



Formal advice helps the NDIA learn about

- problems that people with disability might have

and

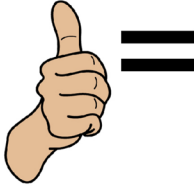
- ways the NDIA can help fix the problems.





This year we will give formal advice about

- ways to support participants as they get older



- making sure the NDIS is fair for everyone



- **behaviour support**

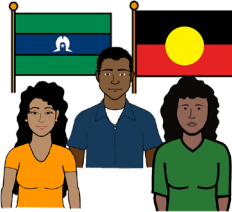
- behaviour support helps people to live better lives and have fewer **behaviours of concern**



- behaviours of concern are actions that might **not** be safe. For example, if a person hurts someone else.



We will also give formal advice to make sure the NDIS gives better access and outcomes for diverse communities.

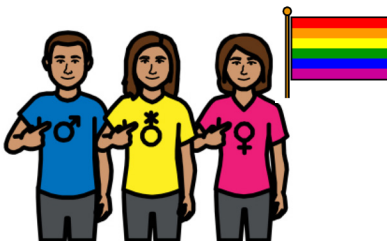


Diverse communities include

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities



- communities with people from different cultures and who speak languages other than English



- **LGBTIQA+** communities
  - LGBTIQA+ is a way to show sexual and gender identities and bodies in the community.



You can read about the formal advice Council has given on our website.

[www.ndis-iac.com.au/advice](http://www.ndis-iac.com.au/advice)

## 2 Informal advice

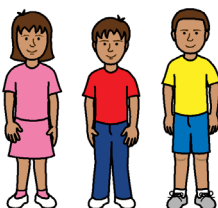


Informal advice is when we talk to NDIA staff in meetings or as part of work groups.



This year Council will give informal advice about

- how the NDIA can work better with the disability community



- children and young people with Autism



- complex support needs
  - for example, help to eat



- home and living supports



- **Early Childhood Early Intervention**

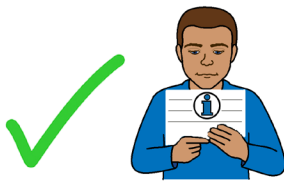
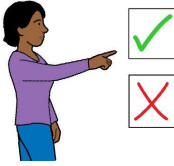
Early Childhood Early Intervention is how the NDIA helps children under the age of 7 years.





Council will also give informal advice about

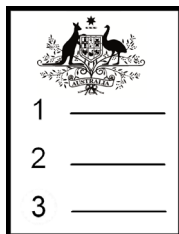
- support for participants to
  - be part of the community
  - make decisions
  - find jobs
  - use mainstream services



- ways the NDIA can give easy to understand information to participants, family and carers



- NDIS plans, including
  - how to get them and who can get them
  - self-management



- the government's plan for disability in Australia



- changes to NDIS laws.

### 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

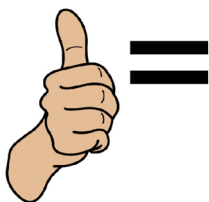
- support for people with intellectual disability



- where and how participants live



- children, young people and families



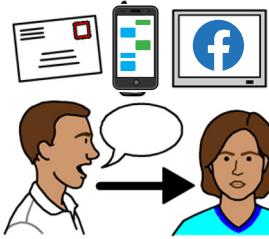
- **equity** and **inclusion** for participants.

Equity means things are fair.



Inclusion means everyone can be part of something.

## 4 Council communications

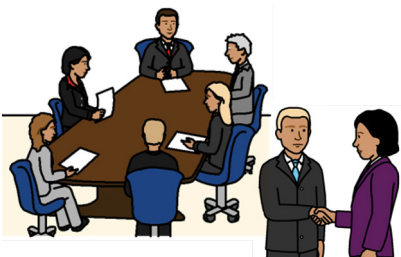


We will work on communication projects that include telling people about

- our communication plan that says what we do and how we work with the NDIA



- changes to Council's website



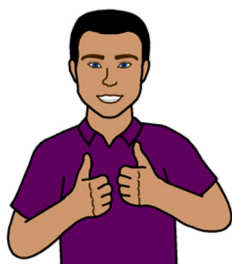
- how Council is doing more work with important groups.

For example

- Disability Representative Organisations and advisory groups
- Department of Social Services
- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission.

## 5 Support the NDIA to use Council's formal advice

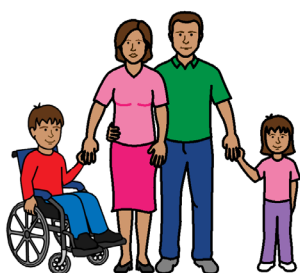
We will support the NDIA to use Council's formal advice about



- **Scheme reforms**
  - Scheme reforms are important changes the NDIA will do to make the NDIS better for everyone and change NDIS laws

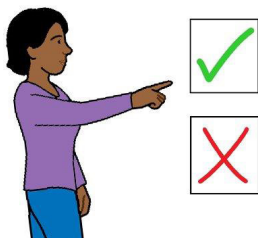


- support for **Local Area Coordinators**
  - Local Area Coordinators help participants with their plans and supports

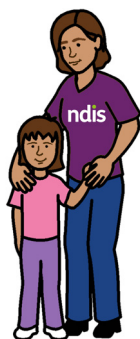


- support for families and carers
- NDIS supports for participants who are parents.

We will also support the NDIA to use Council's formal advice about



- choice and control to live a good life
- support for decision making in the NDIS



- support to make sure Early Childhood Intervention is following the best advice.



## More information

For more information contact the  
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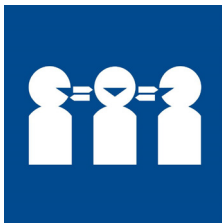
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