



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

GENERAL ISSUES REPORT TABLED

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The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) today tabled its report on General issues relating to the implementation and performance of the NDIS.

The unanimous report includes the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) proposal to introduce independent assessments as part of NDIS access and planning processes, and issues arising during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also considers financial matters related to the NDIS; issues affecting particular cohorts of people with disability; and other key issues relating to the implementation and performance of the scheme.

"The report makes 10 recommendations which aim to improve the NDIS for participants, providers and other key stakeholders," Committee Chair, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP said.

"Some of the issues reviewed in this report have been more thoroughly examined by the committee in other inquiries or have been considered in inquiries conducted by other bodies. Consequently, in a number of instances the committee proposes to maintain a watching brief and encourages the Australian Government to give close consideration to the matters raised in this report," Mr Andrews said.

The committee thanks everyone who contributed to this inquiry by making submissions, expressing views through correspondence or providing testimony at public hearings.

In particular, the committee thanks the NDIS participants who shared their experiences. The testimony of people with lived experience is crucial to identifying issues with the NDIS, and to improving the operation of the scheme.

The report is available on the committee's website:

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