



# ***FPDN Ten Point Plan***

***For the National  
Disability Strategy and  
National Disability  
Insurance Scheme  
in Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander  
Communities.***



First Peoples  
Disability Network  
Australia

## **FIRST PEOPLES DISABILITY NETWORK**

### **First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN) Ten point-plan for the National Disability Strategy and National Disability Insurance Scheme in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.**

FPDN launched a 10-point-plan for the implementation of the NDIS in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in 2013.

In 2017, we are launching a new 10-point-plan to include all First Peoples with disability. Not all people with disability will be eligible for the NDIS, and while the original 10-point-plan still has merit, this plan is broader and more comprehensive. A key aspect is the requirement that appropriate companion schemes and services are available and accessible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the long-term. This plan also ensures that the services and supports provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are culturally appropriate by adopting a whole of community approach.

## **TEN POINT PLAN**

1. Resource the Aboriginal Community Controlled Disability Service Sector for the provision of disability supports by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability for their communities;
2. Address the barriers facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS);
3. Prioritise timely intervention to ensure supports and services are provided, and available over the long-term, and at the right time in people's lives;
4. Recognise and value the existing knowledge, skills and expertise within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; we are leaders in the inclusion of people with disability

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5. Resource a community-directed research strategy which specifically focuses on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disability;
6. Endorse and support peer to peer leadership to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability lead the engagement with community themselves;
7. Develop and implement an access to justice strategy for First People with disability, particularly those with cognitive impairment, sensory and intellectual disability;
8. Develop and implement programs for inclusive education and employment for First People with disability in line with national strategies for their full social participation.
9. Create links between the National Disability Strategy and Closing the Gap Framework for coordinated policy and programs at the Commonwealth, State and local levels in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability and their organisations.
10. Develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Performance Framework for the independent monitoring of the social and economic outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.

In conclusion, we acknowledged that common goals, and respectful partnerships such as those within the Redfern Statement alliance and between FPDN and governments are key to achieving the outcomes outlined above. Together we must stay the course.





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