

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

2.57 The committee recommends the NDIA monitors eligibility rates for adults with hearing impairments to build a clearer picture of the number and needs of the people who have been found ineligible for NDIS services and reports on its finding in 12 months.

## Recommendation 2

2.58 The committee recommends the NDIA reviews immediately the cases of people with hearing impairment who were previously found ineligible and tests their eligibility against the revised guidelines.

## Recommendation 3

2.59 The committee recommends the Australian, state and territory governments clarify and make public how they will provide services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing who are not participants in the NDIS.

## Recommendation 4

3.83 The committee recommends Australian Hearing be formally appointed as the independent referral pathway for access to early intervention services under the NDIS and funded appropriately to take on this new role.

## Recommendation 5

3.87 The committee recommends NDIA ensures that the early intervention packages take a holistic approach to the needs of participants and include:

- scaled funding, depending on need;
- funding provision for additional services beyond core supports, depending on need; and
- retrospective payment of the costs borne by approved service providers for the provision of necessary and reasonable supports between time of diagnosis and plan enactment.

## Recommendation 6

3.90 The committee recommends the NDIA urgently finalise, publish and introduce the early intervention reference packages.

