

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: NDIS

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Senator Di Natale asked:

Who are the members of the new National Disability Insurance Scheme Working Group?
Why is there no person from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background with a disability on this Working Group?

Answer:

The Government has established a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Advisory Group to provide specialist advice on the development of the foundations for reform as well as the design of the proposed arrangements for launch of a NDIS. A list of members can be found at [Attachment A](#).

Several NDIS engagement mechanisms have been established to ensure the views of stakeholders, including those from CALD backgrounds, are captured and fed into the design process.

The Advisory Group has met with state based NDIS/Disability Advisory groups that have included people from CALD backgrounds to discuss design and implementation elements of an NDIS.

In addition to the Advisory Group, the Government has also established four NDIS Expert Groups to advise on key design elements of the scheme. A list of members can be found at [Attachment B](#).

Expert Group members are tasked to actively engage with their networks and the broader community to ensure a wide range of perspectives are considered. This will involve engaging with CALD organisations and individuals.

Expert Groups will be informed by the National Disability and Carer Alliance project that will engage with peaks, their members and people with disability, their families and carers at the grassroots level from right around the country on key design issues. This engagement will include targeted consultation with people from CALD backgrounds.

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Attachment A

NDIS Advisory Group

Dr Jeff Harmer AO

Dr Ken Baker

Mr Bruce Bonyhady AM

Dr Rhonda Galbally AO

Dr Lorna Hallahan

Ms Joan McKenna Kerr

Ms Fran Vicary

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Attachment B

NDIS Expert Groups

National Approach to Control and Choice

Jeff Harmer, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Fran Vicary, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Ara Cresswell, Carers Australia
Kirsten Deane, National Disability and Carers Alliance
Lesley Hall, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Samantha Jenkinson, National Disability and Carer Council
Daniel Leighton, Inclusion Melbourne
Vicki O'Halloran, Somerville Community Services Darwin
Sally McManus, Australian Services Union
Robbi Williams, Julia Farr Association

Eligibility and Assessment

Rhonda Galbally, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Joan McKenna-Kerr, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Janet Dore, Transport Accident Commission
Lesley Hall, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Graeme Innes, Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner
Suzanne Lulham, New South Wales Lifetime Care and Support Authority
Ros Madden, University of Sydney
Tim Moore, Carers Australia
Frank Quinlan, Mental Health Council of Australia
Robbi Williams, Julia Farr Association

Quality, Safeguards and Standards

Lorna Hallahan, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Bruce Bonyhady, NDIS Advisory Group (co-chair)
Kevin Cocks, Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commissioner
Stephanie Gotlib, Children with Disability Australia
Margaret Reynolds, University of Tasmania
Sally Robinson, Southern Cross University
Amber Sanderson, United Voice
Marita Walker, Perth Homecare

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Disability Workforce and Sector Capacity

Ken Baker, National Disability Services (co-chair)

Rhonda Galbally, National People with Disabilities and Carer Council (co-chair)

David Barbagallo, Endeavour Foundation

Samantha Connor, CY O'Connor Institute

Gordon Duff, National Disability Services

Damian Griffis, First Peoples Disability Network

Sue Lines, United Voice

Sally McManus, Australian Service Union

David Meldrum, Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia

Kim Windsor, Windsor and Consultants