



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**



# **New rules for the NDIS**

## **Part 1**

**Department of Social Services**



**Easy English**



## Blue words

Some words in this book are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

## Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book
  
- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

## About this book



This book is from the Department of Social Services.

We are part of the Australian public service.



This book is about the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** or NDIS.

The NDIS gives services and support to people with **permanent disability**.



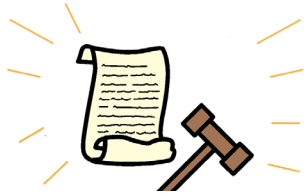
Permanent disability means a disability that will **not** go away.



The NDIS also gives services and support to people who need **early intervention**



Early intervention means support for some people before their disability gets too bad.



This book is about a new **law** we want to make for the NDIS.



A law says

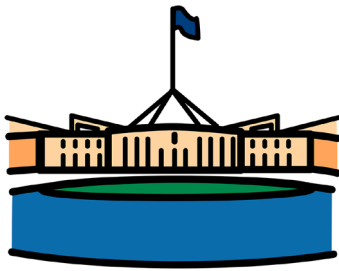
- what is allowed

and



- what is **not** allowed.

## When will we make the new law?



We have asked the Australian **parliament** to make the new law.



The parliament is a group of people that makes laws for Australians.



We have asked the parliament to make the new law this year.

## What will the new law do?



The new law will let us make new rules about the NDIS.



We want to make two rules about NDIS **supports**.

NDIS supports are services you get from the NDIS.



For example, a support worker.



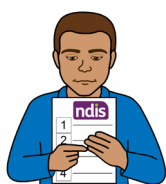
We will ask people with disability to help us make the new rules.

## What do we want the new rules to do?



We want the new rules to

- say what NDIS supports you can get



- make it easy to understand what NDIS supports you can get



- make sure the NDIS is fair for everyone.



We do not want the new rules to

- take away disability supports

or

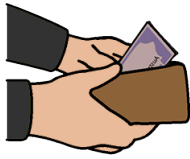
- make people leave the NDIS.



The first rule will be **temporary**.

Temporary means it does not last forever.

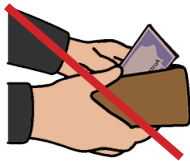
## What will the first rule say?



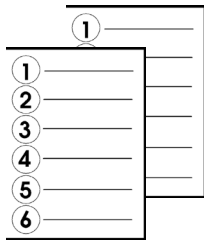
The first rule will say what you

- are allowed to spend your NDIS money on

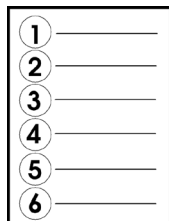
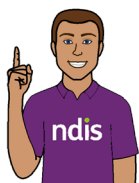
and



- are **not** allowed to spend your NDIS money on.



We have made 2 lists for the first rule.



We think the things in the lists are

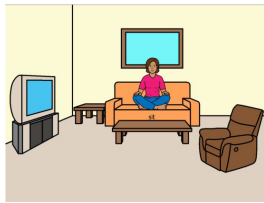
- what happens in the NDIS now

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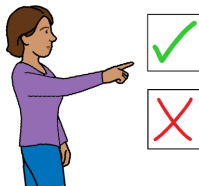
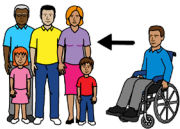
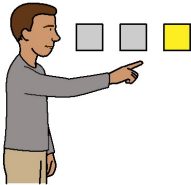
- what the people who started the NDIS wanted to happen.

We want to know what you think about the lists.



We want to know if the lists would let you

- be independent
- have choice and control
- take part in the community.



Your answers will help us decide what to put in the first rule.

You can find the lists on our website.



Website

[engage.dss.gov.au/ndis-support-lists](https://engage.dss.gov.au/ndis-support-lists)

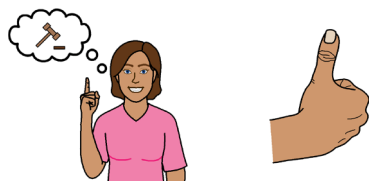
You can get someone to help you understand the lists.



## When will we make the first rule?



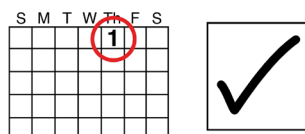
We will wait to see what people with disability say about the first rule before we make it.



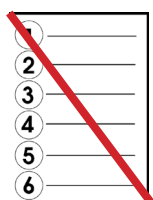
We want to make sure the first rule works well for people with disability.



Our new law cannot work without the first rule.



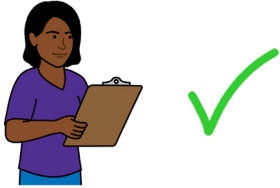
We need to make the first rule soon.



We will not make the first rule if the Australian Parliament does not make the new law.

## When will we make the second rule?

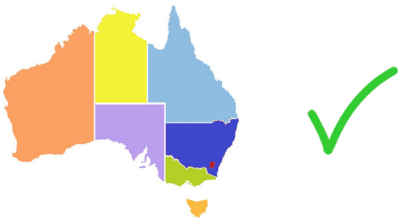
We will take more time to make the second rule.



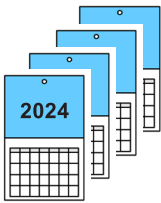
We want to see how well the first rule works before we make the second rule.



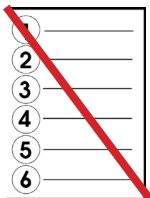
For example, we want to make sure the first rule is good for people with disability.



We need all the state and territory governments to agree with what we put in the second rule.



The second rule will last a long time.



We will not make the second rule if the Australian Parliament does not make the new law

## If you need help or support



Call 000 if you or someone you know needs help now.

Call Lifeline Australia for crisis support and suicide prevention.



Call 13 11 14

Call Beyond Blue for mental health support.

Call 1300 224 636



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can call 13YARN for mental health support.

Call 13 92 76



## More information

For more information contact the  
Department of Social Services.



Email      [enquiries@dss.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@dss.gov.au)



Call      1300 653 227



Read the lists of what we think NDIS money

- should be spent on

and

- should **not** be spent on.



Website

[engage.dss.gov.au/consultation-on-draft-lists-of-ndis-supports/draft-list-of-ndis-support](https://engage.dss.gov.au/consultation-on-draft-lists-of-ndis-supports/draft-list-of-ndis-support)

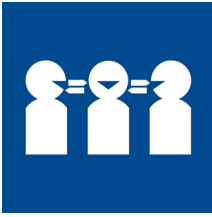
You can tell us what you think about our lists.



Website

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## If you need help with English



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

## If you need help to speak or listen



Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.

You must sign up to the service first.



Website [accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk](https://accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk)



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