



# Expression of Interest

## Questions





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

The Australian Government Department of Social Services wrote this.

We say **DSS** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means DSS.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

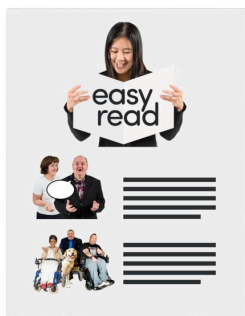
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We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



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You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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# About the NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee



The Australian Government is setting up the NDIS Evidence **Advisory Committee**.

An Advisory Committee is a group of people who



- Go to meetings
- Help make decisions
- Come from different areas.

We call it the **EAC** for short.



The EAC will be made up of **experts**.

Experts are people who know a lot about something.



They will tell the government about if different kinds of NDIS supports are

- Safe
- A good use of money.



You might pay for these with your NDIS **funding**.

Funding is **money from the government** to take part in the NDIS.



They will look at

- Therapies
- **Assistive technology**



Assistive technology can be things to help you

- Speak
- Move
- See
- Hear.
- **Equipment**



Equipment is things to help you with your disability like a hoist.

# Why do we need the EAC



The government did a **review** of the NDIS.

A review is when you **check** what

- Works
- Needs to **change**.



They had some **recommendations** about what to do better with the NDIS.

Recommendations are ideas to do things better.



A recommendation was for the government to set up the EAC.



EAC will make sure there is **independent** advice about NDIS supports.

Independent means separate to the government.



EAC will help with making good changes to the NDIS.



# How will the EAC work



EAC will give recommendations to the government.

This will help the government make good changes to the NDIS.



There will be 3 sub committees.

They will help the EAC.

They will give ideas about



- Capacity building



- Assistive technology

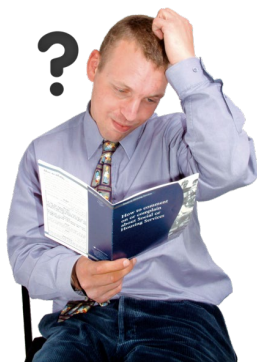


- If different kinds of supports are safe and good use of money.



EAC will say if

- Things will be different for some groups of people with disability



- There are **gaps** in **research**

Gaps are the difference between

- What happens now
- What should happen.



Research means

- Finding out what people think about things
- Using the information to **help others**.

# Who is on the EAC



The government want to have lots of different people on the EAC.

This will give the government lots of ideas.



They might be

- People with disability



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



- People who speak languages other than English.



They might also be

- People who do research



- Health experts

They know a lot about keeping people healthy.



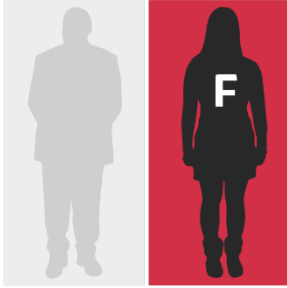
- People who know a lot about how much healthcare costs.



We will make sure that we follow the **policy** for **gender inclusion**.

This will make it **fair** for everyone who joins EAC.

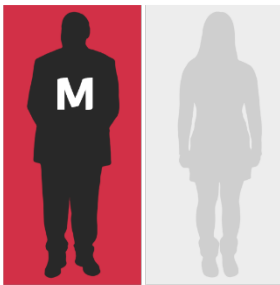
Policies are plans for how to do things



People say what gender they are.

They might be

- A man
- A woman
- A different gender
- No gender.



Inclusion is when everyone

- Can **take part**
- Feels like they **belong**.

# When will the EAC have meetings



The EAC will start in July 2025.



There will be meetings during the year.



In the meetings they will talk about

- **Evidence** for different supports

Evidence is proof that something is true.



- Give advice.



We will have more information about meetings later.

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