



Australian Government

# NDIS Supports Webinar Q&A

## **Are participant voices are being heard? Why can't we co-design the solution?**

We are designing NDIS rules with input from NDIS participants, their families, carers and representatives from the disability sector.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has been [co-designing NDIS changes](#) since 2024. We are using insights from the NDIA's co-design work to inform NDIS rules.

After this NDIS Supports consultation closes, we will publish a report of what we have heard.

## **Will you share an exposure draft for the NDIS Supports rules?**

Exposure drafts are one way the government can get feedback on changes to legislation. With an exposure draft, people can read the draft text of the legislation and give feedback before the legislation is made.

We are committed to sharing exposure drafts when we can. We have not yet released an exposure draft on the NDIS Supports rules. This is because we have not started making any changes to the rules. We want to review people's feedback from this consultation first to give advice to governments about what should change.

## **Why aren't you taking a principles-based approach?**

We have heard some people in the disability community want a principles-based approach to replace the lists of NDIS supports. However, section 10 of the NDIS Act requires us to more clearly describe what is and is not an NDIS support in the rules.

We have heard the lists are confusing and may be restricting choice and control for participants to buy the supports and services they need. We are listening and considering what needs to change and how.

## **How are you going to make the lists less rigid and improve flexibility and innovation?**

The NDIS supports list is made up of broad categories of supports. The lists were designed to be clear and specific, but not strict so participants can make choices about the supports they need.

It is important to consider whether a support or service is related to a participant's disability support needs and not excluded.

We have heard people are concerned when a support is not on either list. The list of NDIS support was never intended to list everything a participant might need.

We have heard some of the categories of support and definitions are not clear or are making it difficult for participants to purchase the supports or services they need. We will use feedback from the consultation to recommend changes.

## **What is the new NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee??**

The [NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) is being established to provide advice to government on the suitability of supports for NDIS funding based on the best available evidence about benefits, safety and cost-effectiveness. The assessment process for each support under consideration by the EAC will include consultation with people with disability, peak bodies and other stakeholders. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing will advertise upcoming consultation activities relating to items that the EAC will review, starting later this year.

## **Who have you consulted while developing changes to the NDIS Supports rules?**

During May and June 2025, we consulted with people with disability, disability advocates and peak disability organisations before we opened a public consultation process.

We tested our consultation ideas and materials to make sure the consultation would meet community needs. Public consultation started on 16 June 2025 and closed on 27 July 2025.