# Transcript – Permanent and significant / reasonable and necessary (Auslan)

SPEAKER 1: What is this video about?

SPEAKER 2: This video will explain about two things the NDIS often talk about.

The first being permanent and significant disability.

A permanent disability means it is likely to be with you for life.

A significant disability affects your ability to take part in everyday activities.

The second concept is reasonable and necessary supports.

The NDIS will only fund supports they need due to their disability.

SPEAKER 1: So if I have a permanent disability and I face barriers every day, can I receive funding from the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, but the NDIS will only fund for the support you absolutely need.

SPEAKER 1: What are the funds for?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS funds will help you take part in social activities, actively take part in the community or support at work to be able to fully participate, or go to events with better access in communication.

SPEAKER 1: What is permanent and significant disability?

SPEAKER 2: Permanent and significant disability means it will be with you for life, and it won’t go away over time, causing you to face barriers every day.

Permanent means it is not something minor like a broken arm that can heal.

Significant means serious and in this case you face many barriers with your disability every day.

To receive funding from the NDIS, your disability must be both permanent and significant.

SPEAKER 1: What kind of supports does the NDIS fund?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS will fund reasonable and necessary supports.

SPEAKER 1: What sort of support and help will be covered with NDIS funds?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS will help you pursue your goals, be more independent, and be more involved in work and events.

SPEAKER 1: This will help me actively take part in the community equal to everyone else?

SPEAKER 2: Absolutely.

SPEAKER 1: What sort of support is funded by the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS will only cover supports anything related to your disability.

For example, you may need specific equipment or services because of your disability.

The NDIS will not cover your day-to-day living cost such as food.

SPEAKER 1: So I can’t use the NDIS for excessive services, only for the specific supports I need?

SPEAKER 2: That’s right, your supports must represent value for money, for your specific needs.

Remember to take into account informal supports given to you by your family, carers, networks, and the community.

You also will need to take into account of other formal supports like access to health and education services. The NDIS will fund for this.

SPEAKER 1: What about services that are already paid for by government?

SPEAKER 2: Some supports that are funded by other areas of government won't change.

These include school teacher aides and GP visits.

SPEAKER 1: What type of supports can NDIS funds pay for?

SPEAKER 2: There are many supports covered by the NDIS.

Such as help with personal care activities, transport to help you participate in community, social, economic and daily life activities, help at work to allow you to successfully get or keep a job.

Therapeutic supports like occupational therapy, appointments with a speech therapist, help with household jobs to allow you to maintain your home, aids or equipment to help you do things more independently, home modifications, including design and construction, to help you live at home, mobility equipment and vehicle modifications to your car to make it easier to use.

The supports funded are based on your disability.

SPEAKER 1: So will I have a choice about which service providers I use?

SPEAKER 2: Yes that is right, if it is related to your disability.

However, NDIS will not fund a service that is already funded by another area of government.

NDIS also will not fund supports that are likely to cause you harm or pose a risk to others.

SPEAKER 1: Where can I get more information?

SPEAKER 2: Have a look at the NDIS website. All the information is there.