## NDIA Supported Decision Making Implementation Plan

A text-only Easy Read

### About this information

The **National Disability Insurance Agency** made this information sheet.

The **National Disability Insurance Agency** makes sure the NDIS runs well.

We will say **NDIA** for short.

We made a **policy** about **supported decision making**.

A **policy** is a plan for how we should do things.

**Supported decision making** is when you make your own decisions with the right support.

This information says how we will do the things in the Supported Decision Making Policy.

We call this an **implementation plan**.

We will work with NDIS **participants** to do the things in this implementation plan.

**Participants** are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.

### 5 big things to do

There are 5 big things we will do in the plan.

The 5 things are

1. Have more ways for participants to make decisions
2. Support participants to make their own decisions
3. Give more information to **decision supporters**

**Decision supporters** are people who support participants make their own decisions.

1. Give more information and training to NDIA staff and **partners**

**Partners** are the services in the community we work with.

1. Get better at how we work with **nominees**.

**Nominees** are people who can make decisions about the NDIS for participants over 18.

We will now say what we will do to make the 5 big things happen.

### Have more ways for participants to make decisions

We will find more ways for participants to make their own decisions.

We will share information about supported decision making.

This information will be about things like

* What supported decision making is
* How participants can get support for their NDIS decisions
* Easy Read **consent forms**

**Consent forms** are papers you sign when you agree to something.

We will also make information for **support coordinators** and **plan managers.**

**Support coordinators** are workers who help you get the supports in your NDIS plan.

**Plan managers** are workers who can look after the money in your NDIS plan.

Your **NDIS plan** says what supports you get from the NDIS.

We will make sure young people can have supports for decision making before they turn 18.

We will tell people why supported decision making is good.

We will tell and work with

* The government

The government is the people who make the rules for Australia.

* The community

Community means the people and area where you live.

We will give information about supported decision making to participants in **Supported Independent Living**.

**Supported Independent Living** is help with tasks around your home so you can

* Do more things on your own
* Learn new skills.

We will say SIL for short.

### Support participants to make their own decisions

We will support participants to make their own decisions.

We will write down who can support the participant to make decisions in their NDIS plan.

When participants need more support to make decisions we will write this in their NDIS plans.

We will help find supports for people who do not have any.

We will help these people find supports for decision making.

### Give more information to decision supporters

We will make sure decision supporters have the right information to support participants to make their own decisions.

We will have information about the best ways to support participants to make decisions.

We will give this information to decision supporters.

### Give more information and training to NDIA staff and partners

NDIA staff and partners need information and skills about supported decision making.

We will give training to NDIA staff about supported decision making.

One of these skills will be how to know when someone needs support to make decisions.

We will make rules for **NDIA planners** about decision making supports and NDIS plans.

**NDIA planners** are staff who make NDIS plans for participants.

### Get better at how we work with nominees

We will get better at how we

* Set up nominees
* Help nominees do supported decision making
* Check if a nominee is still needed
* Check if a nominee is working well.

We will look at the way nominees are chosen now.

We will make sure nominees are only used when needed.

We will have ways participants can say if they do not want a nominee anymore.

We will talk about all of this when we check in with participants who have nominees.

We will make a plan for when a participant does not have anyone to be their nominee.

We will work with participants to **review** nominees.

**Review** means we will check if the nominee is working well with the participant.

This will help make sure nominees work well and find more ways for participants to make decisions.

### Our contact information

To contact the NDIA you can

* Call us on **1800 800 110**
* Go to our website at **www.ndis.gov.au.**

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* Facebook at **www.facebook.com/NDISAus**
* Twitter at **www.twitter.com/NDIS**
* Instagram at **www.instagram.com/ndis\_australia**
* YouTube at **www.youtube.com/user/DisabilityCare**
* LinkedIn at **www.linkedin.com/company/national-disability-insurance-agency.**

You can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** for information in your language.

The number is **131 450.**

You can call the **National Relay Service** if you

* Are deaf
* Have trouble hearing.

The number is **1800 555 660.**