Fraud Fusion Taskforce executes further search warrants in relation to $3.5 million fraud

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The Australian Government Fraud Fusion Taskforce (FFT) has executed further search warrants in relation to the alleged defrauding of $3.5 million from the NDIS .

Investigators from the FFT executed a search warrant at a Chipping Norton, NSW, property yesterday (18 March 2026) as part of the ongoing investigation into suspected large-scale criminal facilitation of NDIS fraud and money laundering.

The joint investigation – codenamed Op Honeycomb – began in February 2025 after the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) detected anomalies in the finances of a 31-year-old Villawood man, the director of a NDIS provider.

In December 2025, AFP investigators, in concert with National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) fraud investigators, executed a search warrant at a home in Villawood, where the 31-year-old man was charged with dealing with money reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime.

Analysis of the evidence obtained in this activity led investigators to execute additional evidentiary search warrants at a home in the Sydney suburb of Chipping Norton.

Investigators seized electronic devices, which will be the subject of further forensic analysis. They also spoke with the occupant of the address, who was released pending further enquiries.

Investigations by the NDIA and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission are continuing, and further regulatory action is expected.

AFP Detective Inspector Aidan Milner said the AFP and its FFT partners were committed to the total removal of criminal syndicates who sought to exploit Commonwealth payments.

“The AFP and its partners are not satisfied with one arrest – our investigations will pursue all avenues of enquiry to ensure there is nowhere these alleged offenders can hide the money they make from ripping off public funds,” Det-Insp Milner added.

“The AFP will not stop in its pursuit of these criminal groups and the individuals who direct them, irrespective of whether they chop and change companies in an effort to hide their criminal behaviour from law enforcement.”

A NDIA spokesperson said this latest warrant demonstrates how fraud is being identified and disrupted through the coordinated work of the FFT, which is removing criminal syndicates from the NDIS.

“We leave no stone unturned – anyone who thinks they can exploit the NDIS without consequence is seriously mistaken,” the spokesperson said.

“Protecting participants and the integrity of the Scheme is our highest priority.”

The FFT is a multi-agency taskforce comprising 24 agencies, co-led by the NDIA and Services Australia, and also includes the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission), the ACIC and the AFP, focusing on high-risk and serious criminal activity targeting government programs designed to help those most in need.

Anyone with information about suspected fraud involving the NDIS should contact the NDIS fraud reporting and scams helpline on 1800 650 717, email fraudreporting@ndis.gov.au, or fill out the online NDIS Fraud reporting form.

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