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Stronger controls are making it harder to defraud the NDIS, with a Sydney man jailed last week.

The offending predated major Government investment in NDIS fraud and payment safeguards.

On Friday, 20 November 2026, the NSW District Court sentenced Nizar Hamdan following an investigation into offenders who established or acquired disability provider businesses and claimed payments for NDIS services that were never provided between 2018 and 2021.

Hamdan, the last of 3 co-offenders to be sentenced, was found guilty of 5 counts of defrauding the NDIS of more than $1 million. He was sentenced to 5 years and one month imprisonment, with a 3-year non-parole period, and ordered to pay $150,000 in reparation to the Commonwealth.

Hamdan is the 30th NDIS offender to be prosecuted and 21st jailed since the Fraud Fusion Taskforce was established in November 2022.

Co-offenders Ufuk Dik and Sephien Taha were convicted and sentenced in November 2024 to 28 months imprisonment and a 24-month Intensive Corrections Order, respectively.

The NDIA, supported by the Australian Federal Police, executed warrants at homes across Sydney in 2022. The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission also issued banning orders against the offenders and provider businesses.

Investment in fraud and payment integrity is helping agencies identify risks earlier, share intelligence and scrutinise claims before funds leave participants’ plans.

Alongside criminal investigations, continued Government investment in the NDIA’s payment integrity workforce is increasing scrutiny of high-risk claims and providers.

As at September 2026, the NDIA was monitoring more than 3,000 providers with integrity risk flags to help ensure only genuine claims are paid.

In the last financial year, 75% of high-risk entities subject to manual payment reviews stopped claiming against participants’ plans within 6 months, demonstrating how payment scrutiny can disrupt problematic claiming behaviour.

Throughout fraud investigations, the NDIA acts quickly to protect affected participants, stop risky claims through manual payment reviews and restore participants’ plans so they can continue accessing the supports they rely on.

Since its establishment in 2022, the Fraud Fusion Taskforce has launched more than 660 investigations and referred more than 60 people for criminal prosecution. NDIS integrity interventions implemented by September 2026 are forecast to deliver more than $4.8 billion in

benefits.

Anyone with information about suspected NDIS fraud should contact the NDIS fraud reporting and scams helpline on 1800 650 717. An interpreter service is available on 13 14 50, and reports can also be submitted through the online NDIS Fraud reporting form.

The individuals were prosecuted by the Commonwealth Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions following referrals from the NDIA.

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