

Easy Read response to the NDIS Amendment Bill 2026

**National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the
NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026**

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About this document

Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service wrote this response.

This document is about a proposed new NDIS law.

The law is called the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026*.

In this document, we call it **the Bill**.

Our main message

We do not think the Bill should pass in its current form.

We are worried the Bill will cut supports for many NDIS participants.

We are worried this could make people less safe.

The government says the Bill will help make the NDIS sustainable.

The government also says the Bill will help stop fraud.

But most of the savings in the Bill seem to come from cutting supports for disabled people.

We do not think these savings can be made safely.

What we are worried about

- People may lose funding for support outside the home.
- People may not be able to ask for a new plan when their needs change.
- People may wait too long for the NDIA to make decisions.
- Some people may be removed from the NDIS.
- Families and carers may be expected to provide more support.
- People may get cheaper supports that do not meet their needs.
- Some people may be left without safe support.

Community participation funding

The Bill may cut some community participation funding by 50%.

This is funding people use to leave home and take part in the community.

It is not only for social activities.

People also use this funding to:

- go to medical appointments
- go shopping for food and other things they need
- go to work
- exercise
- see family and friends
- be part of the community

If this funding is cut, some people may be stuck at home.

This could affect their health, safety and wellbeing.

Plan reassessments

A plan reassessment is when the NDIA looks at a person's plan again.

People may need a plan reassessment when their needs change.

For example, a person may need more support if:

- they are leaving hospital
- their health gets worse
- their family situation changes
- their carer can no longer support them
- they move house
- they start or stop work or study

The Bill makes it harder to ask for a plan reassessment.

The NDIA may have up to 90 days to respond.

For some people, 90 days is too long.

They may be unsafe while they wait.

Who can ask for a plan reassessment

The Bill may limit who can ask for a plan reassessment.

Some people cannot contact the NDIA by themselves.

Some people do not have a nominee.

They may rely on a support coordinator or another trusted person to ask for help.

If those people cannot ask for a reassessment, some participants may be left without help.

Access to the NDIS

The Bill may change the rules about who can be on the NDIS.

The Bill may use a new test about functional capacity.

Functional capacity means what a person can do in daily life.

We are worried some people may be removed from the NDIS.

We are also worried some people may not be able to join the NDIS in the future.

The government says other supports will help these people.

But many of those supports are not ready yet.

This could leave people without the support they need.

New framework plans

The NDIS is changing the way it makes plans.

These new plans are called framework plans.

We do not yet know enough about how framework plans will work.

We are worried big savings are expected before the community has clear information.

People need to know whether the new planning system will be safe and fair.

Plan renewals and unused funding

The Bill may stop some unused plan funding from rolling over into a new plan.

This means people may lose access to funding they expected to use.

We are worried people may not understand these changes.

We are worried people may be left without enough money for their supports.

Reasonable and necessary supports

The NDIS pays for supports that are reasonable and necessary.

The Bill changes the rules about these supports.

We are worried the new rules may make it harder for people to get the supports they need.

The Bill may mean the NDIA looks more closely at:

- whether a support is directly linked to a person's disability
- whether there is a cheaper support
- whether there is research evidence for the support
- whether family or community supports can help instead

We are worried this may lead to cheaper supports that do not work well.

We are worried people may have to prove too much before they get support.

We are also worried families and carers may be expected to do more.

This could be hard and unsafe for some participants and families.

Plan management and support coordination

The Bill also changes plan management and support coordination.

Plan managers help pay invoices and manage plan budgets.

Support coordinators help people understand and use their NDIS plans.

We support better accountability for these services.

We also support action to stop fraud and poor provider behaviour.

But we need more information about how the changes will work.

Safety concerns

We work with NDIS participants and their supporters.

We often hear from people who are unsafe because their funding has been cut or delayed.

Some people wait a long time for decisions.

Some people cannot get the support they need while they wait.

Some people end up in hospital or unsafe at home.

We are worried the Bill could make these problems worse.

People who may be most affected

The Bill may affect many NDIS participants.

Some people may be affected more than others.

This includes people who need more support to leave home or stay safe.

It may also include people with psychosocial disability, intellectual disability, Down syndrome, or vision impairment.

First Nations people with disability may also be affected if supports are harder to get.

Families and carers may also be affected if they are expected to provide more unpaid support.

Our recommendations

We recommend that the Bill should not pass in its current form.

Before any changes are made, the government should:

- explain clearly how the changes will work
- show how people will stay safe
- make sure people can still ask for plan reassessments when they need to
- make sure people can appeal decisions
- make sure supports are not cut before other services are ready
- listen to NDIS participants, families, carers, advocates and legal services
- focus on fraud without cutting essential supports from disabled people

Final statement

The NDIS must be safe.