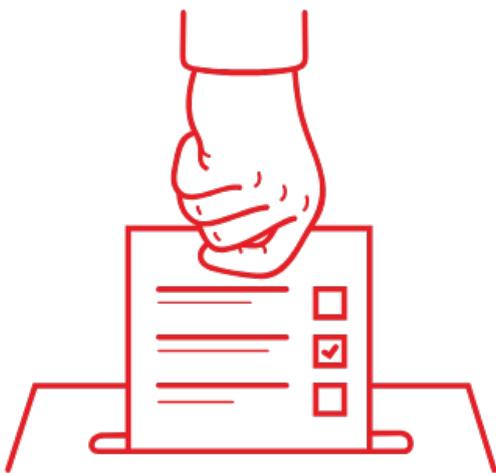


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People with disability want the same opportunities as everyone else in the community – somewhere to work, somewhere to live, somewhere to enjoy the company of family and friends, the chance to follow

their passions and interests. We want a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that makes these things possible – not stands in their way.

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Control

People with disability must be in the driver's seat. It is their experience and their views that must determine priorities and drive change. Choice and control must not be undermined or restricted by poor policies and processes. People must be empowered by their experience in the scheme, not further disempowered and marginalised. And above all, we want good outcomes for everyone –not just those who are educated, or well-resourced or who have an advocate.

So how do we make this happen?



Quicker, simpler and easier processes. Simple and plain communication that is easy to understand.



More staff to clear backlogs. And competent well trained staff with the right experience and expertise.



Focused and resourced attention on groups who need more support - such as those with complex needs, or from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, or from a culturally or linguistically diverse background.



More help for people, families and carers at every stage of the process, including peer support and advocacy.



Fully functioning and fit for purpose IT system that works for both participants and providers.





Certainty

People with disability, their families and carers want to know the scheme will be there for them when they need it. Those with an NDIS plan want to know services will be there when and how they need them. And for those who do not have a plan, other programs and services must continue. No one should be left without support because governments can't get it together. And funding tagged for the NDIS should stay within the NDIS – it should be used to support people with disability or fix up problems with the scheme. It should not be used to bolster the budget bottom line.

So how do we make this happen?



Full funding enshrined in legislation. And NDIS funds quarantined for use within the NDIS.



Active support and intervention to make sure people have a diverse range of quality services to choose from. Intervene early to prevent failure and lock in crisis support so no-one falls through the cracks.



Independently set prices.



Immediate action on the way NDIS works with other systems like health, justice and transport. All levels of government must sit down and work out who does what and who pays for it.



Greater resourcing of the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) program but also continuation or restoration of other programs and services that support people with disability, their families and carers.





Community

The NDIS was never intended to work in isolation. The gap in life outcomes between those with a disability and those without will never close without action in all areas of life – employment, health, education and transport are all areas that need immediate action.

So how do we make this happen?



Greater attention and resourcing to the National Disability Strategy.



Immediate action on education, employment, housing, transport and health. Targets must be set – and met.



An immediate timeline for a Royal Commission into violence, abuse and neglect experienced by people with disability, and consultation with people with disability on the Terms of Reference.

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