



Communique

NDIS WA Community Advisory Council (Council)

Meeting 3 – 17 June 2026

NDIS Legislative Reform

- The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) led discussions on the NDIS Legislative Reform changes, addressing questions on notice provided by members.
- Questions focused on key issues related to NDIS plans (loss of funding, reassessments, variations, funding reductions), regional and rural impacts, NDIS pricing, functional capacity assessments, reasonable and necessary support, impairment notices and participant safeguarding.
- Discussions on the NDIS legislative reform highlighted that several key elements of the proposed Bill remain unresolved, with further clarity expected following the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee report expected to be handed down on 19 June 2026.
- Significant concern was raised regarding children exiting the Scheme, particularly those with developmental delay transitioning at age seven. While reassessment pathways and links to mainstream supports (education and early childhood programs) were acknowledged, there is limited visibility of outcomes for children exiting the Scheme, little information on what supports will be made available for them, and the potential for significant gaps in support. Concerns were also raised about the wait times for diagnosis and transfer to other supports, meaning children may wait several years for necessary supports.
- The proposed reforms to reassessments and plan management, including tighter criteria and extended response timeframes for plan variations, raised concerns about reduced responsiveness increasing the burden on participants and families. Although there are some safeguards in place like crisis prioritisation, Council members noted a lack of clarity on how changes will be pragmatically implemented and operate in practice. Concerns were also raised regarding participant ability to request a reassessment, particularly considering first plan unsuitability.
- The success of the Katanning pilot was noted and early results from the implementation of the Joint Work Program were positive. However, underutilisation (55% in Wheatbelt and low in all of regional WA), thin markets and workforce challenges, particularly in regional, rural and remote areas of WA, were acknowledged. Council members expressed concern that existing issues in regional and remote areas have not been addressed and reforms could exacerbate these issues.
- Concerns were raised regarding the potential lack of safeguarding of the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme's extended powers.
- Council members reiterated the importance of extensive consultation and co-design with key stakeholders prior to implementation of proposed reform.

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Quarter 3 2025-26 - NDIS Performance Report

- The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (the Commission) provided an update on Quarter 3 2025-26 data.
- The NDIA updated Council members on key areas such as participants entering and exiting the Scheme, utilisation rates, active providers and complaints to the Administrative Review Tribunal (ART).
- The Commission provided an update on the implementation of mandatory registration for supported independent living (SIL) and platform providers, particularly in thin markets where there may be a breakdown in service delivery.

Council September meeting – Narrogin

- Members discussed the next meeting scheduled for 16 September 2026 in Narrogin.

More information

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