NDIS Full Scheme Agreement for Western Australia

Factsheet

Why is the Transitional Agreement being renegotiated?

On 12 December 2017, the Commonwealth and WA Governments signed a Bilateral Agreement for the Transition to the NDIS in WA (the Transition Agreement), committing to the roll out of the NDIS on a geographical basis throughout WA. The Transition Agreement is due to expire on 30 June 2023.

Negotiations on the Transition Agreement for WA’s participation in the full scheme of the NDIS will occur in 2022. Western Australia will be the final state to transition to a full scheme agreement. The agreement is expected to set the projected numbers of Western Australians to join the NDIS as participants and the contributions that WA and the Commonwealth will each make to support these NDIS participants.

How will WA negotiate?

Western Australia will negotiate an NDIS Full Scheme Agreement that:

• provides clear access to appropriate NDIS supports for eligible Western Australians
• enables Western Australian NDIS participants to effectively utilise the supports in their NDIS plans
• supports people with disability engagement across all human services
• works across all WA locations, communities and markets
• achieves the best outcome for all Western Australians
• consolidates WA’s role as an active shareholder of the co-funded NDIS that delivers for people with disability as designed.

Western Australia will need to establish its negotiation position. This will include the total and future projections for the number of Western Australian NDIS participants and establishing costings and responsibilities. It may also include any tailored arrangements to suit the WA community, geography and markets.

Lessons have been learnt from other States and Territories, all of which have negotiated full scheme agreements.
Who will lead the negotiation?

The Department of Communities (Communities) has the lead role in supporting negotiations with the Commonwealth to develop a new bilateral agreement for NDIS full scheme in WA to commence on 1 July 2023. Communities has close support from the Department of the Premier Cabinet and the Department of Treasury.