



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee's report and
dissenting reports of Australian Greens and Labor Senators:

Inquiry and report into National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant
Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021

July 2023

Introduction

The Australian Government notes the Senate, Community Affairs Legislation Committee (the Committee's) inquiry and report into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 (the Bill).

The report contains the single recommendation of the Committee to pass the Bill. Senators of the Australian Greens and Labor Senators provided separate dissenting reports recommending the Bill not be passed without the government engaging in genuine co-design with people with disability or without significant amendment.

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Recommendations made by the Committee

Recommendation 1: The committee recommends that the bill be passed

Noted

The Bill was passed on 30 March 2022, with Government amendments and bipartisan support. The Government, therefore, notes the recommendation.

Dissenting reports provided by the Australian Greens and Labor Party

Recommendation 1 (Australian Greens): The Australian Greens recommend that this bill not be passed in its current form and that further consulting and genuine co-design occur in relation to any future reforms to the NDIS.

Recommendation 1 (Labor Party): Labor Senators recommend that the Government engage in genuine co-design and consultation on the Bill and Rules before either proceed.

Noted

The Government has commenced a review of the design, operations and sustainability of the NDIS (the Review) which is due to report to the Government in October 2023. The Review is also examining ways to build a more responsive, supportive and sustainable market and workforce.

The Review is based on the principle of co-design with people with disabilities and will have careful regard to the findings and proceedings of previous and ongoing reviews and inquires, so that input already provided by the disability community is fully taken into account. The Review will engage with Australians living with disability, carers, and the disability sector, as well as the states and territories and other relevant experts.

The Government has also committed to work with the disability community to improve the NDIS, including on the implementation of the initiatives in this year's Budget and the NDIS Financial Sustainability Framework.