NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee?

The NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee (the Committee) is a newly established body recommended by the Independent Review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (the NDIS Review). Its purpose is to evaluate and and give independent expert advice to government on the suitability of supports for funding under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Why was the Committee established?

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that people with disability have access to safe, high-quality supports that they can have confidence in.

The Committee was established to ensure that NDIS participants can access supports that are safe, effective, and value for money. The Committee aims to build confidence in the quality and appropriateness of funded supports. It was a recommendation of the NDIS Review.

How will the Committee benefit NDIS participants?

The Committee will ensure that NDIS funded supports are backed by strong evidence. This will help NDIS participants make informed choices about their funding, as well as accessing supports that are proven to deliver positive outcomes.

What are the responsibilities of the Committee?

The Committee will provide advice to government on the suitability of supports, therapies and assistive technologies for NDIS funding. Their advice will draw on the best available evidence about the safety, quality, cost-effectiveness and benefits of these supports.

What is the Committee's structure?

The work of the Committee will be supported by three technical sub-committees:

- Assistive Technology and Capital sub-committee
- Capacity Building and Therapies sub-committee
- Economics sub-committee.

What types of supports will the Committee assess?

The Committee will evaluate therapies, assistive technologies and capital supports, particularly those where the evidence base is contested, mixed, or emerging.

How will the Committee form its recommendations?

The Committee will review data, research and public consultation feedback, and provide advice to government on the suitability of supports for NDIS funding.

The Committee will consider a range of evidence including:

- lived experience of people with disability
- published literature
- grey literature, and
- data.

Who are the members of the Committee?

Committee members have expertise in a range of disciplines including some of Australia's leading educators, researchers and executives in the disability space.

For more information about committee members please visit the <u>Department of Health</u>, <u>Disability and Ageing website</u>.

Are there Committee members with lived experience of disability?

The majority of Committee and sub-committee members have lived experience of disability, including people with disability, family members and carers.

What areas of expertise will be represented on the Committee?

Members will bring expertise from a wide range of fields, including:

- allied health practice
- clinical research
- education
- medicine and nursing
- law
- social work
- business.

Which therapies and supports will the Committee review?

Supports that the Committee will review will be published on the <u>Department of Health</u>, <u>Disability and Ageing website</u> as the assessment of each support commences. The website will also contain links to community consultation activities as they become available.