NDIS Reform Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary - Friday 19 September 2025

The NDIS Reform Advisory Committee met on 19 September 2025 to progress key elements of the reform agenda.

The Committee welcomed Leah van Poppel, Principal Member of the NDIA Independent Advisory Council (IAC), who outlined the IAC's priorities and opportunities for collaboration. Members discussed ways to align work plans and share expertise to strengthen advice to government.

The Committee received an update on the development of rules for New Framework Planning, which will commence from July 2026. Members considered feedback from early consultations, including the qualifications and experience of assessors, the need for clear communication and cultural safety.

Members also examined the role of Notices of Impairment introduced under previous legislative changes, raising questions about operational arrangements and seeking advice about whether they will be used in new framework planning. The Committee agreed to monitor the role of Notices of Impairment and impairment categories closely as new planning arrangements are developed and implemented.

The meeting considered other policy measures being considered for legislative reform, including electronic claiming, plan indexation and rollovers, record-keeping requirements and accessible processes for leaving the NDIS. Members supported clear guidance, tools and training on record-keeping and recommended stronger safeguards for participants exiting the scheme.

The meeting concluded with discussion on improving consultation processes, with members calling for longer lead times, clearer communication, different ways for people to participate, and stronger feedback loops.

The next meeting will include briefings on regulatory reforms.