NDIS Reform Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary – Friday 22 August 2025

The NDIS Reform Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting on 22 August 2025 to provide strategic advice on the implementation of reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The Committee brings together people with disability, advocates, and experts to ensure reforms are informed by lived experience and community insight.

The Committee welcomed Senator the Honourable Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, who attended and addressed the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the draft work plan and discussed key priorities for the remainder of 2025. These include NDIS Rules and Legislation, safeguarding, market reform and strategic alignment with broader reforms. Following agreement from members, the work plan will be submitted to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council for Disability Ministers endorsement.

Members also discussed foundational supports and the Thriving Kids initiative. There was an emphasis on the importance of culturally responsive and place-based solutions and clear messaging to families. The Committee agreed to maintain ongoing engagement on this topic.

Issues around eligibility reassessments and access delays, particularly for children, were discussed. Members shared feedback from their jurisdictions and emphasised the need for timely and transparent processes.

The Committee also discussed therapy pricing and service quality, including the impact of non-face-to-face charges. Members proposed further exploration of quality standards and alternative commissioning models.

The Committee will continue to provide strategic advice to support reforms that are inclusive, transparent, and responsive to the lived experience of people with disability.