



# Integrity and Safeguarding Bill

2025 Overview

Part 1





## Australian Government

Department of Health,  
Disability and Ageing

The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing wrote this.

We say **DHDA** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means DHDA.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

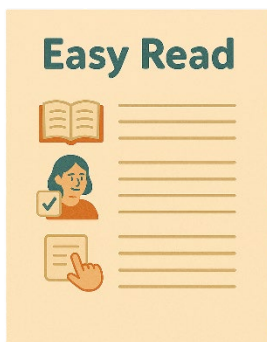
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We have some words in **bold**.

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This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



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You can ask

- A friend
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- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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# Changes to NDIS laws



The government wants to make changes to the NDIS **laws**.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.

The changes are called the **Integrity and Safeguarding Bill**.

We call it the Bill for short.



Changes to laws are called **amendments**.

They help laws

- Change
- Be better.



The Bill will help make changes to

## 1. NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

We call it **NDIS Commission** for short.



## The NDIS Commission

- Makes sure NDIS **providers** are doing a good job
- Listens to **complaints** about NDIS services.

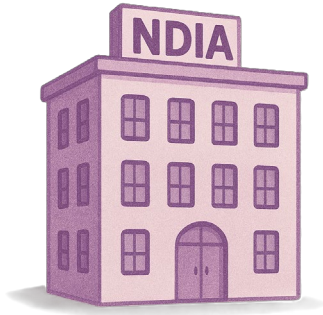


**Providers** get money from your NDIS plan to help support you.



Complaints are when you tell someone they have **not** done a good job.

Everyone has the right to make a complaint.



## 2. National Disability Insurance Agency

We call it **NDIA** for short.

They look after the NDIS.



The Bill will help

- Support people with disability who get NDIS to be safe

They can be called NDIS participants.



- Help anyone who works for
  - NDIS Commission
  - NDIA

To do a good job.

# About this document



This document is in **4 parts**.



**Part 1** is about

- What will happen if someone breaks the NDIS laws



- Special powers the government has to make sure the law is followed

This is called **regulatory powers**.



**Part 2** is about

- **Anti-promotion orders**

This says the things you can **not** share about your services.

It helps people follow NDIS rules.



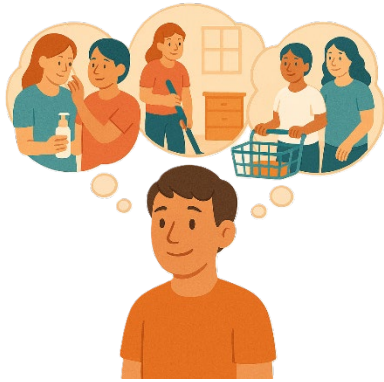
- **Banning orders**

Banning orders stop people from doing

- Services
- **Delivering supports.**

In the **NDIS** market.

They help keep people with disability safe.



Delivering supports means giving help to people who need it.

It could be things like

- Personal care
- Help at home
- Help in the community.



The NDIS market is all the people who do

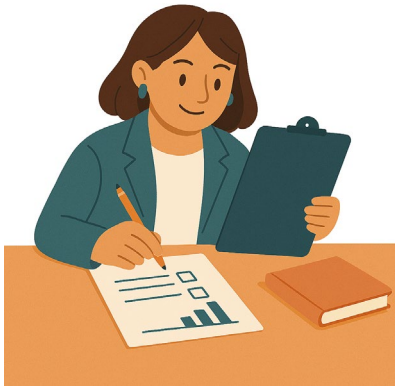
- Supports
- Services

Under the NDIS.

They can be

- **Individuals**
- Businesses
- NDIS providers
- Organisations.

Individual means 1 person.



- How the NDIS Commission gets information

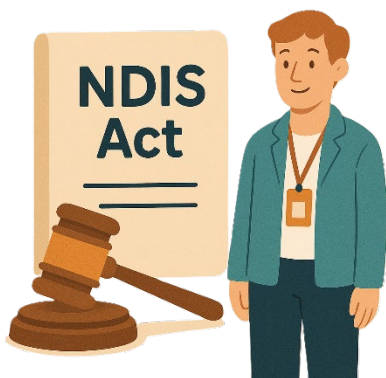


- How information is used in **courts**

A court is where you go when there is a problem with the law.

In a court

- A judge listens to what happened
- People say what happened
- A judge decides what is fair and should happen.



**Part 3** is about

- Changes to what happens if you do **not** follow the law



**Part 4** is about

- People with disability wanting to stop getting NDIS



- **NDIS provider forms**

These are forms that NDIS providers put in to get paid for the service or supports that they have done.



- **Plan variations**

Plan variations are when the NDIA changes things in a NDIS plan.

Like adding more money or supports to your plan.

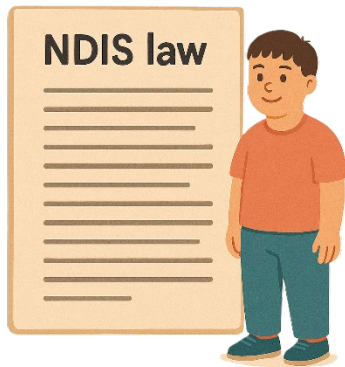


You can read the other parts on our website.

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# What happens if someone breaks NDIS law



The penalty **framework** says what will happen if someone breaks NDIS laws.

A framework is how we will do something.



It says

- What will happen if the provider breaks the law

They might need to pay a **fine**.

A fine is paying money to the government for breaking the law.



- When you have broken the law

Like if you have

- **Not** followed the rules
- Given the wrong information on purpose.



- If what you have done is very serious.

This is called **criminal offences**.



If someone has done this they can

- Be in trouble with the police or government



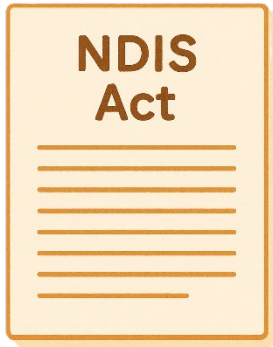
- Go to court



- Go to jail



- Pay a fine.

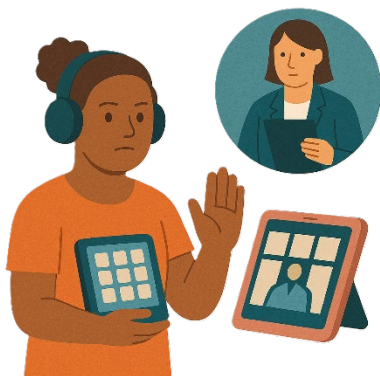


The Bill wants to change

- How much people pay in fines when providers break the NDIS laws in a serious way



- What happens when providers give the wrong information or documents on purpose



- What happens if providers do **not** give information or documents to the NDIS Commission when they are asked to



- What happens if anyone uses or shares information that is only for the NDIS Commission.

This is called **protected information**.



There are also changes to what happens if the NDIS laws are broken in a serious way.



This could be for

- A NDIS provider **not** being **registered** when they are supposed to be



Registered means they are

- On a list
- Follow rules.

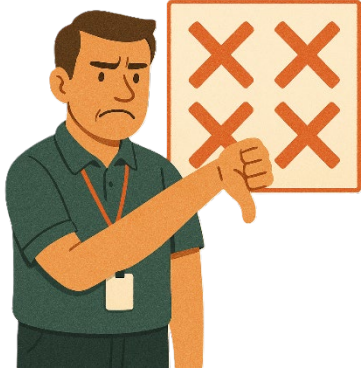
It shows that you have the right skills to do certain services.



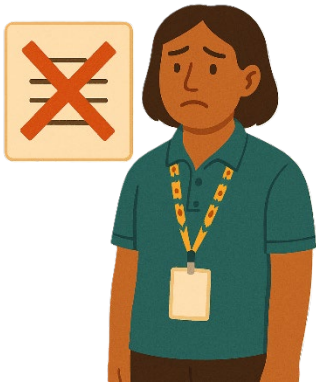
- **Not** following a banning order



- Giving the wrong information on purpose to be a registered NDIS provider



- **Not following the rules to be registered**



- **Not following the Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct tells everyone the way to behave.



- **Harming someone**

This can also include saying that you will harm them.

Harm means that something bad might happen to you.



- **Not following a compliance notice**

A compliance notice tells the provider what parts of the NDIS law they are **not** following.

Providers need to fix things in a certain amount of time.

It means they have time to fix things.

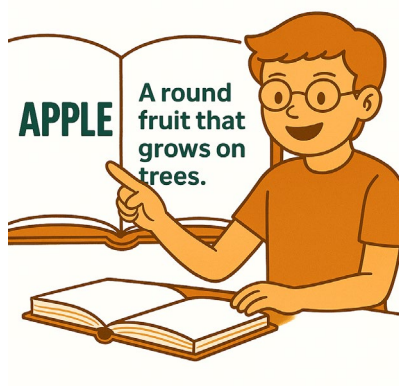


You can read about the changes to what will happen if you do **not** follow the law in **part 3**.

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# Special powers



The Bill wants to make changes to words used in the law.

This is because there are

- **New definitions**

Definitions explain what a word or idea means.



- Changes to the language to make it easier to

- Read
- Understand.



It matches with what the NDIS Commission can already do.

This will make sure all providers follow the NDIS law.

## More information



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