



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-001493

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA
 Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services
 GPO Box 1020
 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister

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The Hon Kate Washington MP
 Minister for Disability Inclusion
 GPO Box 5341
 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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 Minister for Disability
 GPO Box 3146
 DARWIN NT 0801

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The Hon Amanda Camm MP
 Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services
 GPO Box 2031
 BRISBANE QLD 4000

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The Hon Nat Cook MP
 Minister for Human Services, Seniors, and Ageing Well
 GPO Box 2832
 ADELAIDE SA 5001

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The Hon Joanne Palmer MLC
 Minister for Disability Services
 Level 9, 15 Murray Street
 HOBART TAS 7000

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The Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP
 Minister for Disability
 Level 22, 50 Lonsdale Street
 MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister

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The Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
 Minister for Disability Services
 Dumas House
 2 Havelock Street
 WEST PERTH WA 6005

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Ministerial Submission – Standard
MS25-001493
Version (1)
Date sent to MO: 23 December 2025

To: Minister Butler

cc: Minister McAllister

Subject: Proposed Acting Appointment Arrangements for National Disability Insurance Agency Board Members with Upcoming Expiring Terms

Critical date: 2 January 2026 to facilitate legislative requirements to consult with states and territories on proposed acting appointments of NDIA Board members, ahead of the current acting terms of 3 Board members expiring on 17 January 2026.

Recommendation/s:

1. **Note** the legislative requirement under the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) to consult with all states and territories on the proposed acting appointments of NDIA Board members. **Noted/Please discuss**
2. **Note** you agreed on 18 December 2025 to:
 - a. Appoint Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine as acting Board members for a further period when the terms of their current acting appointments expire on 17 January 2026, beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on 16 June 2026. **Noted/Please discuss**
 - b. Appoint Dr Richard Fejo and Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr as acting Board members when their terms expire on 31 March 2026, beginning on 1 April 2026 and ending on 16 June 2026.
3. **Sign** the consultation letters to state and territory disability ministers at **Attachment A**. **Signed/Not signed/Please discuss**
4. **Note** that Pro-Formas, Curricula Vitae and Private Interest Disclosures for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Napthine, Dr Fejo and Mrs McKenna-Kerr will be provided to the Prime Minister's Office on 24 December 2025 for the Prime Minister or Cabinet's consideration of these acting appointments. **Noted/Please discuss**

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5. Note that a separate brief will be provided to you to sign the Instruments of Acting Appointments for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Naphine, Dr Fejo and Mrs McKenna-Kerr after the period of consultation with states and territories concludes on 12 January 2026 and the Prime Minister or Cabinet's consideration of these acting appointments.

Noted/Please discuss

Signature
 Comments:

Date: 05/01/26

Contact Officer:	Sarah Hawke	A/g First Assistant Secretary, NDIS Participants and Performance, Disability and Carers	Phone: s22
Clearance Officer:	Robyn Shannon	Deputy Secretary, Disability and Carers Group	Mobile: s22

Submission summary: We have worked with your office to develop the approach outlined in this submission. The submission seeks your signature on consultation letters to state and territory disability ministers in relation to your intention to appoint Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting Board members of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board. The acting period is to June 2026, pending permanent filling arrangements on the expiry of these members' respective appointment terms.

Issues:

1. On 18 December 2025, you agreed to reappoint Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine as acting Board members, and to appoint Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo as acting Board members until 16 June 2026 to allow the longer-term arrangements for all 5 positions to be considered together early in 2026 (MS25-001398 refers).
 - a. The current acting appointments of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine began on 18 October 2025 and conclude on 17 January 2026.
 - b. The terms of Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo conclude on 31 March 2026.
2. Section 129 of the NDIS Act outlines the legislative requirement to consult with jurisdictions on the acting appointments of Board members. To fulfil this requirement, the letter at **Attachment A** advises state and territory disability ministers of your intention to:
 - a. Appoint Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine as acting Board members for a further period, beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on 16 June 2026.

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- b. Appoint Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo as acting Board members, beginning on 1 April 2026 and ending on 16 June 2026.

3. s42

4. The letter to states at **Attachment A** seeks feedback by 12 January 2026. This will allow sufficient time for you to consider state and territory feedback ahead of the first 3 Board members' acting terms expiring on 17 January 2026.

5. s47E(d)

6. The Department is preparing materials required for the Prime Minister or Cabinet to approve acting appointments (Pro-Formas, Curriculum Vitae, and Private Interest Disclosures). We are advised that these will be transmitted from your office to the Prime Minister's Office on 24 December 2025 to facilitate consideration of this matter.

Sensitivities:

7. s47E(d)

Background:

8. The NDIA Board is established under the NDIS Act. Section 129(2) of the NDIS Act provides for the Minister to appoint a person by written instrument "to act as a Board member other than the Chair, for a specified period of not more than 150 days, during a vacancy in the office of a Board member other than the Chair, whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office."
9. Although this appointment will take the total period of acting as a Board member beyond 150 days for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine, section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 provides: "If an Act confers on a person or body a power to make an appointment, the power is taken to include a power of reappointment."

s42

10.

Gender Diversity on Australian Government Boards:

11. From 1 July 2016, the Australian Government stipulated a gender diversity target whereby women are to hold at least 50 per cent of positions on Government boards and committees overall, and women and men each holding at least 40 per cent of positions on individual boards and committees.

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12. The composition of the NDIA Board (including the Chair) has been 45.5 per cent female and 54.5 per cent male representation. As the NDIS Board is classified as an individual government board, this meets the 40 per cent target.

Remuneration/Financial Implications:

13. The remuneration of Board members is set by the Remuneration Tribunal (*Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*) Determination 2025 (determination). Under this determination, the Board Chair is entitled to \$159,500 per annum plus Tier 1 travel allowance, and \$79,760 per annum plus Tier 1 travel allowance for other Board members.
14. The determination notes a member (other than the Chair) who is also appointed to the Sustainability Committee is entitled to additional fees as follows:
- a. For the Chair of the Sustainability Committee - \$13,850 per year.
 - b. For a member of the Sustainability Committee - \$6,940 per year.

15 s47F

Timing/Handling:

16. Timely consideration is requested to support preparation of appointment documentation, as well as to give effect to acting arrangements before the expiry of the term of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Napthine on 17 January 2026, noting Mrs McKenna-Kerr's and Dr Fejo's appointments expire on 31 March 2026.

Consultations:

17. Consultation has occurred with your office regarding the proposed approach. The department's Ministerial Appointments Reporting and Committee Support (MARCS) team and Legal Division have also been consulted.

Communication/Media Activities:

18. Nil.

Attachments:

- A: Letter to State and Territory Disability Ministers

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**Appointments Three – Appoint
 MS26-000030
 Version (1)
 Date sent to MO: 15 January 2026**

To: Minister Butler

cc: Minister McAllister

Subject: Finalising the Acting Appointment arrangements for National Disability Insurance Agency Board Members


Critical date: 16 January 2026 to ensure acting appointments are finalised ahead of the current acting terms of 3 members expiring on 17 January 2026.

Recommendation/s:

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| <p>1. Note on 15 December 2025 the Hon Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, approved</p> <p>a. the reappointment of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM and Dr Denis Napthine AO as acting National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board members from 18 January 2026 to 16 June 2026, and</p> <p>b. the appointment of Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting NDIA Board members from 1 April 2026 to 16 June 2026.</p> | <p>1. Noted/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>2. Note responses from states and territories (Attachment A1-A2) following consultation on the proposed acting appointments to the NDIA Board, as required under the <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013</i>.</p> | <p>2. Noted/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>3. Sign the five instruments of Acting Appointment (Attachment B) to give effect to these acting arrangements.</p> | <p>3. Signed/Not Signed/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>4. Sign the letters to the appointed acting Board members notifying them of their appointments (Attachment C).</p> | <p>4. Signed/Not Signed/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>5. Sign the letter to Mr Graeme Head, CEO of the NDIA, advising him of the appointments (Attachment D).</p> | <p>5. Signed/Not Signed/Please discuss</p> |

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<p>6. Sign the letter to Mr Kurt Fearnley, Chair of the NDIA Board, advising him of the appointments (Attachment E).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Signature</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<p>6. Signed/Not Signed/Please discuss</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: 16/01/26</p>								
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Submission summary:
 This submission seeks your signature of 5 Instruments of Acting Appointment to give effect to the acting appointments of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Denis Naphine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM, and Dr Richard Fejo as members of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board until 16 June 2026. It also requests your signature of letters to the appointed members, NDIA Board Chair and NDIA CEO advising them of the outcome of this process.

- Issues:**
- On 15 December 2025, the Hon Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, approved the reappointment of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine as acting NDIS Board members, and the appointment of Mrs McKenna-Kerr, and Dr Fejo as acting Board members until 16 June 2026 (MC25-163810 refers).
 - The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) requires consultation with states and territories for NDIA Board appointments. On 5 January 2026, you wrote to state and territory disability ministers advising them of your intention to appoint the above members as acting Board members until 16 June 2026, to allow the longer-term arrangements for all 5 positions to be considered together in early 2026. Feedback was invited by 12 January 2025. Victoria was granted an extension until 13 January 2025.
 - s47E(d)

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4. s47E(d)
5. You are required to sign the Instruments of Acting Appointment provided at **Attachment B** to give effect to the acting arrangements.
6. Please also sign the letters to:
- Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Napthine, Mrs McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Fejo informing them of their successful acting appointments, provided at **Attachment C**.
 - Mr Graeme Head, CEO of the NDIA (**Attachment D**) and Mr Kurt Fearnley (**Attachment E**), Chair of the NDIA Board, advising them of the acting appointments.

Background:

7. Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine were appointed as acting Board members for a period of 3 months from 18 October 2025 to 17 January 2026, as their terms were set to expire on 17 October 2025. Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo are currently Board members with terms set to expire on 31 March 2026.
8. On 18 December 2025, you agreed to reappoint Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine as acting Board members and appoint Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo as acting Board members until 16 June 2026 to allow the longer-term arrangements for all 5 members to be considered together (MS25-001398 refers).
9. The NDIA Board is established under the NDIS Act. Its functions are to ensure the proper, efficient and effective performance of the NDIA's functions; determine objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the NDIA; and any other functions conferred on the Board by or under the NDIS Act, the associated regulations or instruments made under the NDIS Act, or any other law of the Commonwealth.
10. Section 129(2) of the NDIS Act provides for the Minister to appoint a person by written instrument "to act as a Board member other than the Chair, for a specified period of not more than 150 days, during a vacancy in the office of a Board member other than the Chair, whether or not an appointment has previously been made to the office."
11. Although this appointment will take the total period of acting as a Board member beyond 150 days for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Napthine, section 33AA of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 provides "If an Act confers on a person or body a power to make an appointment the power is taken to include a power of reappointment."

12. s42

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13. Section 129(4) of the NDIS Act sets out eligibility requirements of acting appointments to the NDIS Board. To be eligible for an acting appointment, each member must be a person with disability, have lived experience of disability, or possess skills, experience or knowledge in at least one of the fields outlined in subsection 127(2). All five Board members proposed to act until 16 June 2026 meet the eligibility requirements per section 129(4).

Sensitivities:

14. s47E(d)

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Gender Diversity on Australian Government Boards:

17. From 1 July 2016, the Australian Government stipulated a gender diversity target whereby women are to hold at least 50 per cent of positions on Government boards and committees overall, and women and men each holding at least 40 per cent of positions on individual boards and committees.
18. The composition of the NDIA Board (including the Chair) has been 45.5 per cent female and 54.5 per cent male representation. As the NDIA Board is classified as an individual government board, this meets the 40 per cent target.

Remuneration/Financial Implications:

19. The remuneration of Board Members is set by the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. Under this determination, the Board members are entitled to \$79,760 per annum with Tier 1 travel allowance.
20. The determination notes a member (other than the Chair) who is also appointed to the Sustainability Committee is entitled to additional fees as follows:
- For the Chair of the Sustainability Committee - \$13,850 per year.
 - For a member of the Sustainability Committee - \$6,940 per year.

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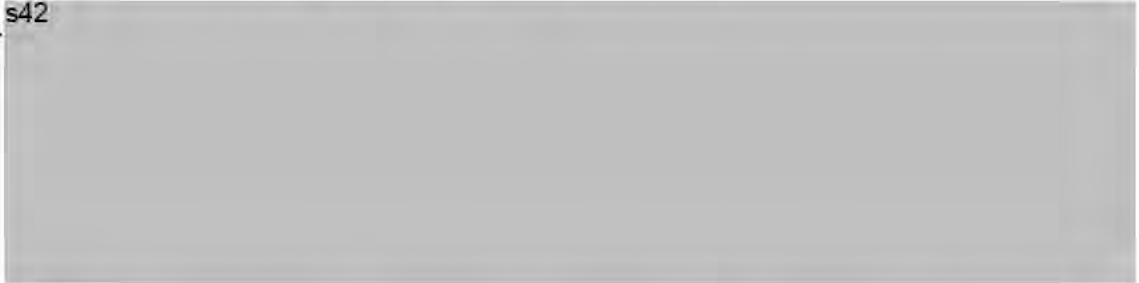
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**Timing/Handling:**

23. The Instruments of Acting Appointment must be signed by 16 January 2026 prior to Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, and Dr Napthine's current acting term arrangements as Board members expiring on 17 January 2026.

24 s42

**Consultations:**

25. Ministerial Appointments Reporting and Committee Support (MARCS) and Legal Division, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Communication/Media Activities:

26. Nil. Acting appointments are not typically announced.

Attachments:

- A1-A2:** State and territory responses
B: Instruments of Acting Appointment
C: Letters to Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Denis Napthine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM, and Richard Fejo
D: Letters to the NDIA Board Chair and NDIA CEO

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Via email: s47E(d) [redacted]@Health.gov.au
Cc: s47E(d) [redacted]@health.gov.au

Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 January 2026 seeking my agreement to the acting appointments of five current members of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board.

I have considered your request and confirm my support for the proposed acting appointments acknowledging the members' expertise, lived experience, and strong leadership will ensure continuity and stability on the Board.

As previously advised, the Northern Territory will be providing nominations for the NDIA Board. I look forward to working with you on the finalisation of the NDIA Board membership.

Yours sincerely

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- 9 JAN 2026

The Hon Amanda Camm MP

Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability
Services and Minister for Child Safety and the
Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

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Your reference: MS25-001493
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The Honourable Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
Minister.Butler@health.gov.au

Dear Minister Butler

Thank you for your letter of 5 January 2026 regarding nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

I acknowledge the need to provide continuity and stability of the NDIA Board. I confirm my support for the proposal to continue the appointments of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo until 16 June 2026.

As previously communicated in my letter of 26 November 2025, Queensland's position on longer-term appointments to the NDIA Board is that appointments should be done through a transparent and open recruitment process that ensures the right mix of skills and experience and adequate representation across states and territories.

With the Board member extensions to continue to June 2026, I request this matter be addressed at the next Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) meeting. The Commonwealth Government should provide advice to DRMC on a clear and transparent process for filling NDIA Board vacancies, which includes allowing sufficient time for states and territories to properly engage. This will support Queensland's engagement with the appointment of board members, as required under the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and our jurisdictional colleagues to progress the significant and important disability reform agenda, and to represent the views of Queenslanders with disability.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact s47F [redacted] Chief of Staff on s47F [redacted]

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Sam O'Connor MP
Acting Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and
Acting Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

12 / 1 / 2026

Cc: s47E(d) [redacted]@health.gov.au

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme:

- (a) under section 129(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Act)* appoint Dr Dennis Naphine AO as an acting member of the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (Agency) beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on the earlier of:
- i) 16 June 2026; or
 - ii) upon appointment of a Member of the Board of the Agency under s127(1) of the Act; and
- (b) am satisfied that Dr Naphine has skills, experience or knowledge in the provision or use of disability services.

Dated 16 January 2026

Mark Butler
Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme:

- (a) under section 129(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (Act) appoint Dr Richard Fejo as an acting member of the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (Agency) beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on the earlier of:
- i) 16 June 2026; or
 - ii) upon appointment of a Member of the Board of the Agency under s127(1) of the Act; and
- (b) am satisfied that Dr Fejo is a person that has lived experience with disability and has skills, experience or knowledge in the provision or use of disability services.

Dated

16 January 2026

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme:

- (a) under section 129(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (Act) appoint Mr Graeme Innes AM as an acting member of the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (Agency) beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on the earlier of:
- i) 16 June 2026; or
 - ii) upon appointment of a Member of the Board of the Agency under s127(1) of the Act; and
- (b) am satisfied that Mr Innes is a person that has lived experience with disability and has skills, experience or knowledge in the provision or use of disability services.

Dated

16 January 2026

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme:

- (a) under section 129(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (Act) appoint Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM as an acting member of the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (Agency) beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on the earlier of:
- i) 16 June 2026; or
 - ii) upon appointment of a Member of the Board of the Agency under s127(1) of the Act; and
- (b) am satisfied that Mrs McKenna-Kerr is a person that has skills, experience or knowledge in the provision or use of disability services.

Dated

16 January 2026

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Member of Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency) Acting Appointment 2026

I, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme:

- (a) under section 129(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (Act) appoint Ms Maryanne Diamond AO as an acting member of the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (Agency) beginning on 18 January 2026 and ending on the earlier of:
- i) 16 June 2026; or
 - ii) upon appointment of a Member of the Board of the Agency under s127(1) of the Act; and
- (b) am satisfied that Ms Diamond is a person that has lived experience with disability and has skills, experience or knowledge in the provision or use of disability services.

Dated 16 January 2026

Mark Butler

Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS26-000030

Ms Maryanne Diamond AO
 Board Member
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au

Dear Ms Diamond

Maryanne

I am pleased to advise that I have reappointed you as an acting Board Member of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board for a further period of 150 days, commencing on 18 January 2026 and concluding on 16 June 2026.

As a Board Member, you are subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. You will be entitled to total remuneration of s47F [REDACTED] per annum, in accordance with the existing determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, plus Tier 1 travelling allowance. s47F [REDACTED]

I have enclosed a copy of the Instrument of Acting Appointment for your records.

I have separately advised the CEO of the NDIA and Chair of the NDIA Board of your acting reappointment.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we ensure that the National Disability Insurance Scheme continues to provide life-changing supports for people with disability now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

18/01/2026

cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS26-000030

Mr Graeme Innes AM
 Board Member
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [redacted]@ndis.gov.au

Dear Mr Innes

I am pleased to advise that I have reappointed you as an acting Board Member of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board for a further period of 150 days commencing on 18 January 2026 and concluding on 16 June 2026.

As a Board Member, you are subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. You will be entitled to total remuneration of s47F [redacted] per annum, in accordance with the existing determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, plus Tier 1 travelling allowance.

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I have separately advised the CEO of the NDIA and Chair of the NDIA Board of your acting reappointment.

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Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS26-000030

Dr Dennis Napthine AO
 Board Member
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [redacted] @gmail.com

Dear Dr Napthine

Dennis

I am pleased to advise that I have reappointed you as an acting Board Member of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board for a further period of 150 days commencing on 18 January 2026 and concluding on 16 June 2026.

As a Board Member, you are subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. You will be entitled to total remuneration of s47F [redacted] in accordance with the existing determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, plus Tier 1 travelling allowance. s47F [redacted]

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Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

16/01/2026

cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-000030

Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM
 Board Member
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au

Dear Mrs McKenna-Kerr

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed you as an acting Board Member of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board for a period of 77 days commencing on 1 April 2026 and concluding on 16 June 2026.

As a Board Member, you are subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. You will be entitled to total remuneration of s47F [REDACTED] per annum, in accordance with the existing determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, plus Tier 1 travelling allowance.

I have enclosed a copy of the Instrument of Acting Appointment for your records.

I have separately advised the CEO of the NDIA and Chair of the NDIA Board of your acting reappointment.

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Mark Butler

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cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-000030

Dr Richard Fejo
 Board Member
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [redacted]@flinders.edu.au

Dear Dr Fejo

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed you as an acting Board Member of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board for a period of 77 days commencing on 1 April 2026 and concluding on 16 June 2026.

As a Board Member, you are subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. You will be entitled to total remuneration of s47F [redacted] per annum, in accordance with the existing determination of the Remuneration Tribunal, plus Tier 1 travelling allowance.

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Mark Butler

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS26-000030

Mr Kurt Fearnley AO
 Chair of the Board
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [redacted]@gmail.com

Dear Mr Fearnley

Kurt

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphthine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting Board members of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board until 16 June 2026.

As you are aware, the appointments of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, and Dr Naphthine are due to expire on 17 January 2026. The appointments of Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo are also due to expire on 31 March 2026. I have appointed these individuals as acting Board members until 16 June 2026. This will ensure the stability of the Board during a period of critical reform and allow time for the careful consideration of options for filling these vacancies.

I have also written to the Board members to advise them of their acting appointments.

I have enclosed a copy of the Instruments of Acting Appointment for your records.

Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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Encl (1) Instruments of Appointment

cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS26-000030

Mr Graeme Head AO
 Chief Executive Officer
 National Disability Insurance Agency
 s47F [redacted]@ndis.gov.au

Dear Mr Head

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphthine AO, Mrs Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting Board members of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board until 16 June 2026.

As you are aware, the appointments of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, and Dr Naphthine are due to expire on 17 January 2026. The appointments of Mrs McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo are also due to expire on 31 March 2026. I have appointed these individuals as acting Board members until 16 June 2026. This will ensure the stability of the Board during a period of critical reform and allow time for the careful consideration of options for filling these vacancies.

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Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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Ministerial Submission
Appointments One - Identify
 NS25-001398-11625-938064
Version (1)

Date sent to MO: 11 December 2025

To: Minister Butler

cc: Minister McAllister

Subject: Approval of final list of NDIA Board appointments

Critical date: 17 December 2025 to expedite agreement from states and territories and Prime Minister/Cabinet approval for upcoming positions due to expire in early 2026.

Recommendations:

1. **Note** the feedback received from state and territory Disability Ministers regarding appointments to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board to fill the existing vacancy and the three due to arise on 17 January 2026 (summarised in Attachment A). **1. Noted / Please discuss**








2. **Agree** to fill the additional two vacancies that will arise on 31 March 2026. **2. Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss**

3. **Note** the legislative requirement to have at least one Indigenous member on the Board. **3. Noted / Please discuss**

4. **Indicate** your preferred final list of reappointments and/or new appointees to fill these vacancies in the decision column of Attachment A. **4. Indicated / Please discuss**

5. **Agree** to extend the acting appointments for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine which expire on 17 January 2026 *from 16 June 2026* further ~~three months~~ pending completion of this appointment process, *along with Ms M. Kenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo* **5. Agreed / Not Agreed / Please discuss**

6. **Sign** the letter to the Prime Minister at Attachment D notifying him of these extensions. **6. Signed / Not signed / Please discuss**

<p>7. Sign the letter to the states and territories seeking their agreement to the list of candidates you wish to appoint/reappoint (Attachment B) once updated with your final decision.</p>	<p>7. Signed / <u>Not signed</u> / Please discuss</p>								
<p>Signature </p>	<p>Date: 18/12/25</p>								
<p>Comments:</p> <p><i>For clarity, I want all 5 Board Member extended to 16 June 2026 to allow all 5 positions to be considered together early in 2026.</i></p>									
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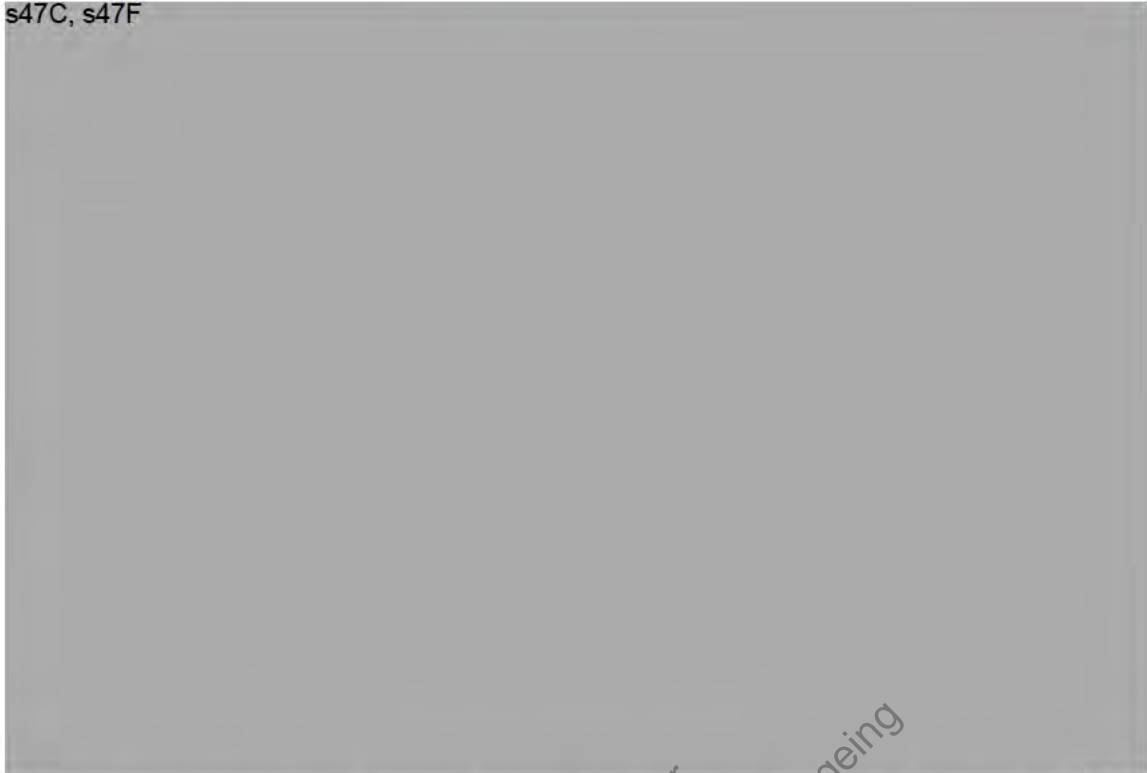
This submission seeks your decision on candidates for appointment/reappointment to the NDIA Board, following feedback from the states and territories.

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (department) can support your Office with final preparation of letters subject to your decision on preferred candidates.

Appointment Details:

1. On 18 November 2025 you wrote to state and territory disability ministers seeking their nominations for appointments to the Board of the NDIA (MS25-902969 refers) by 1 December 2025.
2. Following responses from disability ministers your decision is sought on candidates you wish to reappoint/appoint to the three vacancies due to arise on 17 January 2026 when the terms of Ms Maryanne Diamond, Mr Graeme Innes and Dr Denis Naphine expire, and the existing vacancy.
3. Your decision is also sought on filling the further two vacancies that will arise on 31 March 2026 when the terms of Dr Richard Fejo and Mrs Joan McKenna Kerr expire. Resolving these appointments now can efficiently leverage the current process.
4. A list with details of the nominations received by state disability ministers is summarised at Attachment A. The department notes:

s47C, s47F



5. Additional candidate options for consideration previously provided are also summarised in **Attachment A**.

6. s47B(b)



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9. Subject to your finalisation of reappointments/appointments, section 127 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) requires you to seek agreement from state and territory disability ministers to any Board appointments.

- a. The NDIS Act provides that you must give notice in writing and request agreement within 28-days. Within that 28-day period, state and territory ministers may request an extension of up to 90-days to respond.
- b. Before appointing members, you must be satisfied that the appointment is supported by a majority of the group, consisting of the Commonwealth and jurisdictions.

- c. You may appoint a Board member other than the Chair that is not supported by the majority once the period of 90-days beginning on the day the first notice was given has ended.
10. To give effect to this legislative requirement, a draft letter seeking approval of states and territories is at **Attachment B** (noting the letter for Qld has been tailored as above). It will need to be updated with your final decisions before being signed and dispatched.
11. As outlined below, there is a high likelihood that the appointment process will not be finalised before the three vacancies arise on 17 January 2026. We therefore seek your agreement to extend the current acting arrangements of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine for a further three months while substantive appointments are finalised. Should you agree to this:
- The NDIS Act outlines the requirement to consult with states and territories about acting appointments for non-Chair Board members. The letters at **Attachment B** could be amended to cover off on this requirement.
 - A letter to the Prime Minister would also be required, since this is an acting appointment beyond an initial three month period. A letter to the Prime Minister for you to sign is provided at **Attachment D**.

Background:

12. On 13 October 2025 (MS25-902908 refers), you agreed to temporarily extend Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine as Board members for a period of three months until 17 January 2026, pending further advice from the department.
13. The terms of Ms Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo are due to expire on 31 March 2026. There is also one existing Board vacancy, bringing the total upcoming positions requiring consideration to six.
14. The NDIS Act does not specify any requirements related to the minimum number of Board member positions to be filled at any one time. According to the NDIS Act, a quorum at meetings of the Board is constituted by a majority of the Board members. Therefore, the decision on how many new members to appoint, or existing members to reappoint, is at your discretion, noting that there can be no more than 11.
15. The NDIS Act (section 127(2)) does, however, stipulate eligibility requirements for Board members, including that they must be:
- a person with disability
 - a person with lived experience of disability, or
 - a person that has skills experience or knowledge in at least one of the following fields:
 - the provision or use of disability services
 - the operation of insurance schemes, compensation schemes or schemes with long-term liabilities
 - financial management
 - corporate governance
16. The NDIS Act states that in appointing Board members, the Minister must ensure that the Board members collectively possess an appropriate balance of these characteristics.

- 17. The NDIS Act also states that at least one Board member other than the Chair is an Indigenous person (regardless of whether the Chair is an Indigenous person). Dr Fejo is currently the only Indigenous member, and his term expires on 31 March 2026.
- 18. The NDIS Act specifies that Board members must not engage in any paid employment that, in the Minister’s opinion, conflicts or may conflict with the proper performance of the member’s duties.
- 19. A summary of the spread of lived experience and technical expertise of current Board Members is provided at Attachment C.
- 20. From 1 July 2016, the Australian Government stipulated a gender diversity target whereby women are to hold at least 50% of positions on Government boards and committees overall. The Government also committed to women and men each holding at least 40% of positions on individual boards and committees. The current Board’s gender diversity spread is 55% male and 45% female.

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Remuneration/Financial Implications:

- 26. The remuneration of Board Members is set by the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. Under this determination, members of the NDIA Board are entitled to \$79,760 per annum plus Teir 1 travel allowance, and additional fees for sitting on the audit or sustainability committees.

Timing/Handling:

- 27.** The appointments of NDIA Board members are considered significant appointments, requiring the approval of the Prime Minister or, at his discretion, Cabinet. Therefore, once agreement from states and territories is received, approval from the Prime Minister or Cabinet must also be sought.
- 28.** If state and territory ministers request an extension, they can have up to 90-days to respond to your letter notifying them of your intention to appoint new Board members.
- 29.** Due to the steps involved and the potential for states and territories to request an extension, it is likely that the substantive appointments will not be made before the first round of vacancies arise on 17 January 2026.
- a. Even in the best-case scenario where no extension from the states was sought and you were able to provide your decision and write to states the day after you receive this submission (10 December 2025), the 28-day period for their consideration would cease on 7 January 2026. It is unlikely that the approval of the Prime Minister or, at his discretion, Cabinet would be received by 17 January 2026.
 - b. Should at least one states or territory request a 90-day extension, this would push their response to early March 2026.

Consultations:

- 30.** Ministerial Appointments Reporting and Committee Support (MARCS), Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Communication/Media Activities:

- 31.** There is no communication activity associated with this submission. The department will discuss future communications with your office once appointments have been finalised.

Attachments:

- A:** Nominations from states and territories and list of other candidates
- B:** Letter to states and territories seeking agreement
- C:** List of current Board Members and their skills
- D:** Letter to the Prime Minister

NDIA Board Nominations

Potential reappointments

Name	Nominated by: (state or territory)	Gender	First Nations	State of Residence	Lived experience	Provision/use of disability services	Operation of insurance/compensation schemes with long term liabilities	Financial management	Corporate governance	MINISTER'S DECISION: Appoint/Re-appoint (YES/NO)
Ms Maryanne Diamond AO	(reappointment)	Female		VIC						
Dr Graeme Innes AM	(reappointment)	Male		QLD						
Dr Denis Napthine AO	(reappointment)	Male		VIC						
Dr Richard Fejo	(reappointment)	Male	✓	NT						
Mrs Joan Mckenna Kerr	(reappointment)	Female		WA						

State and Territory NDIA Board nominations as at 10 December 2025

Name	Nominated by: (state or territory)	Gender	First Nations	State of Residence	Lived experience	Provision/use of disability services	Operation of insurance/compensation schemes with long term liabilities	Financial management	Corporate governance	MINISTER'S DECISION: Appoint/Re-appoint (YES/NO)
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Name	Nominated by: (state or territory)	Gender	First Nations	State of Residence	Lived experience	Provision/use of disability services	Operation of insurance/compensation schemes with long term liabilities	Financial management	Corporate governance	MINISTER'S DECISION: Appoint/Re-appoint (YES/NO)
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Other potential NDIA Board nominations as at 12 November 2025 (previously provided to your office)

									DECISION
Name	Gender	First Nations	State of Residence	Lived experience	Provision/use of disability services	Operation of insurance/compensation schemes with long term	Financial management	Corporate governance	Appoint/Re-appoint (YES/NO)
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Attachment C

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY BOARD: as at 25/09/2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>POSITION</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>STATE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>LIVED EXPERIENCE</u>
<i>Current members:</i>						
Mr Kurt FEARNLEY AO	M	Chair	NSW	18.10.25 18.10.22	17.01.26 17.10.25	s47F
Mr Mark DARRAS	M	Member	VIC	24.11.23	23.11.26	
Ms Maryanne DIAMOND AO	F	Member	VIC	18.10.25 18.10.22	17.01.26 17.10.25	
Dr Richard FEJO	M	Member	NT	01.04.23	31.03.26	
Dr Rhonda GALBALLY AC	F	Member	VIC	01.01.25	31.12.27	
Dr Graeme INNES AM	M	Member	QLD	18.10.22	17.01.26	
Mrs Joan MCKENNA KERR	F	Member	WA	01.04.23	31.03.26	
Dr Denis NAPHTHINE AO	M	Member	VIC	18.10.25	17.01.26	
Ms Estelle PEARSON	F	Member Member	NSW	11.10.23 01.01.22 01.01.20 01.01.17	10.10.26 30.06.23 31.12.21 31.12.19	
Dr Ian WATT AC	M	Member	VIC	28.08.24	27.08.27	
Ms Leah VAN POPPEL	F	Member	VIC	01.01.25	31.12.27	
<i>Vacant</i>	---	<i>Member</i>	---	---	---	

Current Gender and Geographic composition		
Gender balance	Geographic balance	
Males: 6 (54.5%)	NSW: 2	WA: 1
Females 5 (45.5%)	VIC: 6	QLD: 1
	SA: 0	TAS: 0
	NT: 1	ACT: 0

Current technical expertise (as per section 127(2) of NDIS Act)											
	Mr Kurt FEARNLEY AC	Mr Mark DARRAS	Dr Richard FEJO	Ms Maryanne DIAMOND AO	Dr Rhonda GALBALLY AC	Dr Graeme INNÉS AM	Mrs Joan MCKENNA KERR	Dr Denis NAPTHINE AO	Ms Estelle PEARSON	Dr Ian WATT AC	Ms Leah VAN POPPEL
Provision or use of disability services	This document has been released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing										
Operation of insurance or compensation schemes or schemes with long-term liabilities											
Financial management											
Corporate governance											



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-001398

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
 Prime Minister
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to seek your agreement to appoint Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphine AO, Ms Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting Board members of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board to 16 June 2026.

The NDIA Board is established under the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act). Its role is to ensure the proper, efficient and effective performance of the NDIA's functions; determine objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the NDIA; and any other functions conferred on the Board by or under the NDIS Act, the associated regulations or instruments made under the NDIS Act, or any other law of the Commonwealth.

Acting appointments to the NDIA Board are made by me pursuant to Section 129 of the NDIS Act. The NDIS Act requires that I consult with states and territories about an acting NDIA Board appointment (other than the Chair).

The initial three-month acting terms for Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine, which I wrote to you about on 17 October 2025, are due to expire on 17 January 2026. Since then, I have written to state and territory disability Ministers seeking nominations for substantive appointments to the Board.

I plan to write to states and territories soon seeking their support for my final list of candidates, in line with the requirements set out in the NDIS Act. The NDIA Act requires that the states be given 28-days to respond, during which time they may seek an extension of up to 90-days from the day the original notice was given.

Once I am satisfied that the appointment is supported by a majority of the group consisting of the Commonwealth and the host jurisdictions, I intend to write to you to seek your, or at your discretion Cabinet's, approval of these significant appointments.

Given these steps involved, substantive appointments to the Board are unlikely to be finalised before the three vacancies arise on 17 January 2026. I am therefore extending the current acting appointments to ensure continuity for the Board while the longer-term arrangements are being considered. I would also like to act Ms McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo as Board members as their appointments end on 31 March 2026.

The remuneration of Board Members is set by the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. Under this determination, Board members are entitled to \$79,760 per annum and Tier 1 travel allowance.

Should you have any objections to the extension of these acting arrangements, I would appreciate your feedback at your earliest convenience so that arrangements can be made before current terms expire.

Should your office wish to discuss the above arrangements further, the relevant contact is Mr James MacIsaac, First Assistant Secretary of the Participants and Performance Division at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, who can be contacted on s22

Yours sincerely



Mark Butler

18/12/2025

Encl (1) Membership list of the NDIA Board as at 10 December 2025

cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

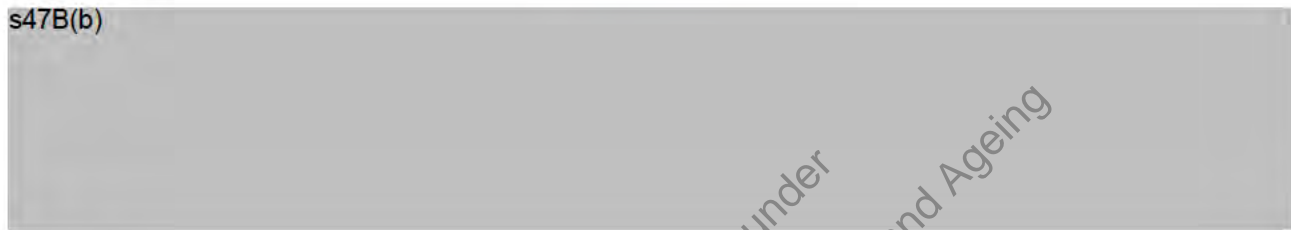
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Hi Nerissa

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Thanks

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Hi s47F

Appreciate it is a very busy time of year. We have to brief our Minister on the nominations on Tuesday; if your MO have any names to send through before then they can be included for consideration. Anything received beyond that date will need to be just for noting.

Cheers,

Nerissa Stewart [Her/She]
A/g Assistant Secretary
Commonwealth/State Engagement Branch

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Hi Nerissa

Thanks for the extension – it is appreciated. We are still moving through approvals with a number of competing priorities including the wrap up of Parliament. Could we please have until the 18th?

Apologies again for the requests; rolling to the end of the year as I am sure you are too!

Thanks

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Dear s47F

Thank you for your email. We have discussed with Minister Butler's office and can provide an extension until **Monday 8 December**.

Regards,

Nerissa Stewart [Her/She]
A/g Assistant Secretary
Commonwealth/State Engagement Branch

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Dear DRMC Secretariat,

Thank you for your email of 18 November 2025 regarding nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

Victoria welcomes the opportunity to consider the reappointment of current acting members and potential Victoria nominations for remaining vacancies.

Victoria is seeking an extension to respond until Wednesday 18 December to enable meaningful consideration of potential nominations and adhere to our approval processes and timeframes.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Kind regards

s47F

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I work flexibly and am sending this message now because the time suits me, and I encourage you to read, respond or action this email at a time that best works for you.

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Subject: Letter from the Hon Mark Butler MP - NDIA Board appointments [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

Please see attached letter from the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme regarding National Disability Insurance Agency Board Appointments.

Enclosure: NDIA Board Membership List

Kind regards,

Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) Secretariat

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The Hon. Mark Butler MP
 Minister for Health and Ageing
 Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600
 minister.butler@health.gov.au

Dear Minister Butler

Mark

Thank you for your letter seeking nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

I note the appointments of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM and Dr Dennis Napthine AO are due to conclude in January 2026. I also note the ongoing vacancy on the NDIA Board.

In recognition of the significant service and expertise of the three Board Members whose appointments are expiring, I am happy to support renewal of their appointments for a further three years, should they choose to continue their membership on the Board. However, I also acknowledge this is an opportunity for new candidates to be considered, particularly for the existing vacancy.

In previous correspondence, I have requested consideration of a Tasmanian nominee for the NDIA Board. Noting nominations were requested on 17 November 2025 with a deadline of 1 December 2025, I would appreciate additional time to canvass the interest of a suitable Tasmanian nominee and would seek to put forward a nominee by Friday, 12 December.

I look forward to providing a nomination to you for consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Palmer".

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
 Minister for Disability Services

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The Hon Kate Washington MPMinister for Families and Communities
Minister for Disability Inclusion

Ref: EAP24/19028

The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the NDIS
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600By email: Minister.Butler@health.gov.au

Dear Minister,

Nomination for appointment to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November 2025 seeking nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

In relation to the renewal of appointment of members with expiring terms, I am comfortable with the reappointment of the three current Board members, on the basis that this would provide continuity as the NDIA implements major reforms in 2026.

Regarding your request for candidates to fill any vacancies, I nominate s47F [REDACTED]. I believe s47F [REDACTED] meets the requirements of the NDIA Board as he would bring his skills, experience and knowledge of the operation of schemes with long-term liabilities, financial management, and corporate governance.

Given that the NDIA Board currently includes 6 members from Victoria and only 2 members from NSW out of the 11 filled positions, I would ask that serious consideration be given to NSW's nomination.

If you would like more information, please contact s47F [REDACTED], Senior Policy Advisor in my office on s47F [REDACTED] or via s47F [REDACTED] [@minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:s47F@minister.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Washington".

Kate Washington MP
Minister for Families and Communities
Minister for Disability Inclusion

Date: 01 / 12 / 2025

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Your reference: MS25-902969

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Government of South Australia

Hon Nat Cook MP

The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the NDIS
Via email: s47E(d) @health.gov.au

Dear Minister Butler,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 November 2025 seeking confirmation of re-appointments or nominations to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

I would like to put forward the following nominees from South Australia in order of nomination:

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These nominees would bring considerable expertise and insight to the board during this important period as we continue reforms to strengthen the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Importantly, these nominations would assist to diversify the board, noting South Australia does not currently have representation.

Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to receiving the final list of proposed candidates and welcome a conversation at any time.

Yours sincerely

N Cook

Hon Nat Cook MP
MINISTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES
MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND AGEING WELL

28 / 11 / 2025

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The Hon Amanda Camm MP
 Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability
 Services and Minister for Child Safety and the
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The Honourable Mark Butler MP
 Minister for Health and Ageing
 Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
 Minister.Butler@health.gov.au

Dear Minister Butler

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2025 regarding nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

As previously communicated in my letter of 17 October 2025, Queensland's position on longer-term appointments to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board is that appointments should be completed through a transparent and open recruitment process that ensures the right mix of skills and experience, and adequate representation across states and territories.

I request this matter be addressed at a Disability Reform Ministerial Council meeting and a clear process be established for filling NDIA Board vacancies, including allowing sufficient time for state and territory governments to properly engage.

In respect of the proposal to continue the appointments of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM, and Dr Denis Napthine AO, I appreciate the reappointment of these members will ensure continuity in these vital roles and the ongoing benefit of their experience and expertise. However, I would propose a further temporary extension of up to six months to enable development of a transparent recruitment process as set out above.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and our jurisdictional colleagues to progress the significant and important disability reform agenda, and to represent the views of Queenslanders with disability.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact s47F, Chief of Staff in my office on s47F.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Amanda Camm MP
Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and
Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

28 / 11 / 2025

Cc: s47E(d) @health.gov.au

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**Office of Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
Minister for Local Government; Disability Services;
Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne**

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Hon. Mark Butler MP
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
PO Box 6022, House of Representatives
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 November 2025, advising that membership of three members of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board is due to expire on 17 January 2026.

Noting the extensive and valued skills and expertise of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM, and Dr Denis Napthine AO bring to the NDIA Board, the WA Government is supportive of their re-appointment to the NDIA Board for a further three years.

In the spirit and intent of both the WA and Commonwealth governments' commitment to improve Scheme performance in WA, including regional and remote WA, we appreciate the opportunity to nominate a WA representative for the NDIA Board.

Thank you for providing a list of current members for consideration and to inform my decision. Acknowledging membership requirements under the *National Disability Insurance Act 2013* and taking into consideration the spread of lived experience and technical expertise of current NDIA Board membership, the WA Government provides two nominees for consideration for appointment to the NDIA Board:

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I look forward to hearing from you on the final list of proposed candidates for WA Government's consideration and to help finalise membership of the NDIA Board

Yours sincerely

s47F



**HON HANNAH BEAZLEY MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES;
VOLUNTEERING; YOUTH; GASCOYNE**

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The Hon Mark Butler MP
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Via email: Minister.Butler@health.gov.au
s47E(d) [\[REDACTED\]@health.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@health.gov.au)

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November 2025 seeking nominations for appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) as well as my support for the reappointment of three acting Board members.

I support the continued appointment of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM and Dr Denis Napthine AO for a further three years given their extensive knowledge, lived experience and strong leadership to the Board.

I appreciate the opportunity to nominate candidates from the Northern Territory for consideration as NDIA Board members. Unfortunately, on this occasion, we have been unable to seek a suitable candidate as per the requirements of section 127(2) of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*. The Northern Territory would welcome the opportunity to recommend candidates in early 2026, noting 2 NDIA Board members' terms are due to expire at the end of March 2026.

Yours sincerely

JINSON CHARLS

- 2 DEC 2025

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Sent: Wednesday, 3 December 2025 11:37 AM
To: DRMCSecretariat s47E(d) <[s47E\(d\)@health.gov.au](mailto:s47E(d)@health.gov.au)>
Cc: ORR <ORR@act.gov.au>; s47F <s47F@act.gov.au>; s47F <s47F@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Follow up - Letter from the Hon Mark Butler MP - NDIA Board appointments [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning s22

Thank you for your email and follow up. My apology for not having closed the loop earlier on this request from Minister Butler.

We sought advice from the ACT Public Service on whether recent recruitment processes for ACT ministerial advisory councils might have identified candidates suitable for consideration for appointment to the NDIA Board.

As these processes had considered significantly different roles and functions, and we did not have a clear indication of the time demands, or skills and qualifications mix needed, for the NDIA Board, no relevant candidates were identified.

Thank you for the consideration in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

s47F | Senior Advisor
 Office of Suzanne Orr MLA
 Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
 Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

Minister for Seniors and Veterans

E: s47F [redacted]@act.gov.au | T: 02 s47F [redacted]



I acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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Good morning

Just following up on the email below, could you please indicate if Minister Orr intends to provide any feedback on NDIA Board appointments, as per the attached letter sent by Minister Butler on 18 November? Given that the deadline has now passed, we would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

King regards, s22 [redacted]

Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) Secretariat

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Subject: Letter from the Hon Mark Butler MP - NDIA Board appointments [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon

Please see attached letter from the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Ageing, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme regarding National Disability Insurance Agency Board Appointments.

Enclosure: NDIA Board Membership List

Kind regards,

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APPOINTMENT DETAILS PRO-FORMA

Proposing Minister/s	The Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme						
Organisation	Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).						
Proposed Position	Board member						
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	Reappointment						
Proposed Appointee	Dr Richard Fejo						
Nominee's Current Position and / or Relevant Credentials	Board member, NDIA Board						
DOB	s47F	Gender	M	State of Residence	NT	EEO Category*	s47F
Proposed Term	1 April 2026 to 16 June 2026					Part Time (PT)	
Remuneration	\$79,760 per annum with Tier 1 travel allowance					Set by Remuneration Tribunal.	
Has the APSC Merit and Transparency policy for Agency Heads and Statutory Offices been followed?	Exempt – as the office is part time only			Is the Private Interests Declaration attached?	Yes		
				Is a current CV attached?	Yes		
For all <u>other</u> vacancies, has the Minister addressed appointment options?	The Minister is considering options for filling all vacancies on an ongoing basis, including considering nominations and feedback provided by states and territories.			Is the current membership list of the body attached?	Yes		
What is the legislative authority?	The <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013</i> (NDIS Act).						
Have all legislative requirements been met?	Yes						
Who appoints?	Minister						
Departmental Contact Officer	s22				Phone	s22	

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APPOINTMENT DETAILS PRO-FORMA

Proposing Minister/s	The Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme						
Organisation	Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).						
Proposed Position	Board member						
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	Reappointment						
Proposed Appointee	Ms Maryanne Diamond						
Nominee's Current Position and / or Relevant Credentials	Board member, NDIA Board						
DOB	s47F	Gender	F	State of Residence	VIC	EEO Category*	s47F
Proposed Term	18 January 2026 to 16 June 2026					Part Time (PT)	
Remuneration	\$79,760 per annum with Tier 1 travel allowance					Set by Remuneration Tribunal.	
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Proposing Minister/s	The Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
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Organisation	Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).
Proposed Position	Board member
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	Reappointment

Proposed Appointee	Mrs Joan McKenna Kerr						
Nominee's Current Position and / or Relevant Credentials	Board member, NDIA Board						
DOB	s47F	Gender	F	State of Residence	WA	EEO Category*	s47F

Proposed Term	1 April 2026 to 16 June 2026	Part Time (PT)
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What is the legislative authority?	The <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013</i> (NDIS Act).
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Who appoints?	Minister

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Organisation	Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).						
Proposed Position	Board member						
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	Reappointment						
Proposed Appointee	Dr Graeme Innes						
Nominee's Current Position and / or Relevant Credentials	Board member, NDIA Board						
DOB	s47F	Gender	M	State of Residence	QLD	EEO Category*	s47F
Proposed Term	18 January 2026 to 16 June 2026					Part Time (PT)	
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Proposing Minister/s	The Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme						
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Proposed Position	Board member						
Is this a New Appointment or a Reappointment?	Reappointment						
Proposed Appointee	Dr Denis Naphine						
Nominee's Current Position and / or Relevant Credentials	Board member, NDIA Board						
DOB	s47F	Gender	M	State of Residence	VIC	EEO Category*	N/A
Proposed Term	18 January 2026 to 16 June 2026					Part Time (PT)	
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Dear Minister

I refer to your letter regarding your proposed reappointment of the Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board (the Board) and acting arrangements for three other members.

Victoria supports the reappointment of Mr Kurt Fearnley AO as Chair of the Board. Mr Fearnley brings valuable governance experience to the role, and I am pleased that his reappointment will continue strong representation of people with disability on the Board.

Victoria also supports the acting arrangements for Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM and Dr Denis Napthine AO for three months while longer-term arrangements are considered. However, I note the consultation period prior to the commencement of these acting arrangements was insufficient. I request that Victoria is given adequate time to consider and provide feedback on any future Board member acting arrangements before they commence.

Yours sincerely

Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP

Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council
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The Hon Mark Butler MP
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Via email: s47E(d) @Health.gov.au

Dear Minister

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 October 2025 seeking my agreement to the reappointment of the current Chair and acting arrangements of three current members of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board.

I have considered the proposed arrangements and provide my agreement to support the continuity of the Board during this time of significant reform for the disability sector.

The Northern Territory would welcome the opportunity to be engaged in future considerations of the longer term arrangements for members to ensure the interests of the Territory and regional and remote Australia are represented as reforms are progressed, in particular to address issues of equity and access in remote service delivery.

Yours sincerely

JINSON CHARLS

23/10/2025

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**Office of Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
Minister for Local Government; Disability Services;
Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne**

Our Ref: 84-07764

The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Email: s47E(d) [redacted] @health.gov.au

Dear Hon Mark Butler MP

Thank you for your email dated 13 October 2025 regarding proposed appointments to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

I support the reappointment of Mr Kurt Fearnley AO as NDIA Board Chair, along with the three-month acting arrangements for NDIA board members Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Dr Graeme Innes AM and Dr Denis Napthine AO. Continuity of membership will help with progressing key NDIA reforms for 2025.

Given the NDIA Board is overseeing distinct strategies for First Nations, CALD and LGBTIQ+ participants, I recommend the NDIA review existing recruitment and selection processes before establishing longer-term arrangements for the above three positions. It would be timely to consider whether current governance structures adequately facilitate a diverse and inclusive board membership, representative of all NDIS participants.

There could be an opportunity to:

- Explore how the representation of states and territories could be improved to ensure consideration of the different NDIA operating contexts and participant cohorts.
- Assess the extent to which the NDIA Board includes people with disability, carers and regional/remote representation and whether further legislative provisions are needed to guide future appointments.
- Review whether the current board membership possesses adequate lived or professional experience to represent the intersectionality of people with disability and lead relevant strategic priorities.

I look forward to future opportunities to provide feedback on NDIA board appointments.

Yours sincerely

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**Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES;
VOLUNTEERING; YOUTH; GASCOYNE**

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Media Release + TPs + Q&A

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Date sent to MO: 16 January 2026

To: Minister Butler and Minister McAllister

Subject/Issue: Joint Media Release | NDIA Board Chair

Comments:			
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Purpose: Announcement of the reappointment of Mr Kurt Fearnley AO as the Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board.

Talking Points:

- Mr Kurt Fearnley AO has been reappointed as Chair of the NDIA Board for a further three-year term from 18 January 2026.
- Mr Fearnley is an Australian Paralympian and disability advocate and has served as Chair of the NDIA Board since September 2022.
- Mr Fearnley has brought extensive experience and insight to the role, offering strong leadership and strategic guidance to the Board.
- Mr Fearnley's continued leadership will support the Agency's strategic direction at a time of significant change.
- Mr Fearnley's reappointment was unanimously supported by all states and territories.

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- The NDIA Board plays a critical role in overseeing the strategic direction, governance, and performance of the NDIS. Board members provide expert leadership and guidance to ensure the Scheme delivers on its objectives and continues to improve outcomes for NDIS participants across Australia.

Background information:*NDIA Board Chair Appointment Process*

- On 13 October 2025, Minister Butler approved the reappointment of Mr Fearnley for a further three-year term, subject to consultation with the states and territories and Cabinet. Minister Butler also approved acting arrangements from 17 October 2025 to 17 January 2026, while the substantive reappointment process was finalised.
- The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) requires Minister Butler to consult with states and territories on the appointment of the Board Chair. All states and territories supported Mr Fearnley's reappointment as Chair.
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- Mr Fearnley and NDIA CEO Mr Graeme Head have both been notified of the decision and provided the Instrument of Appointment.

NDIA Board

- The NDIA Board is established under the NDIS Act and functions to ensure the proper, efficient and effective performance of the NDIA's functions; determine objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the NDIA; and any other functions conferred on the Board by or under the NDIS Act, the associated regulations or instruments made under the NDIS Act, or any other law of the Commonwealth.
- The remuneration of Board Members is set by the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. Under this determination, the Board Chair is entitled to \$159,500 per annum and Tier 1 travel allowance.
- The current composition of the NDIA Board (including the Chair) is 45.5 per cent female and 54.5 per cent male. This complies with the government's gender diversity target whereby women are to hold at least 40 per cent of positions on individual boards and committees.

Q&A:**Has there been consultation with the state and territory disability ministers on the reappointment of the NDIA Board Chair?**

- In line with requirements of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*, Minister Butler wrote to states and territories on 13 October 2025 to consult on Mr Fearnley's reappointment.
- All jurisdictions supported Mr Fearnley's reappointment.
- The Commonwealth will continue to meet its obligations under the NDIS Act by consulting with states and territories on all future appointments to the NDIA Board.

OFFICIAL**Why didn't the Commonwealth open the position of the NDIA Board Chair to a public EOI process or nominations from states and territories?**

- Mr Fearnley is an experienced government and non-government director who has served as a former member of boards from a range of disability organisations.
- His continued service as Chair of the NDIA Board will support the strategic direction of the Agency and provide stable leadership at a time of significant reform for the Scheme.
- All states and territories were consulted on the reappointment, ensuring a transparent and consultative process.
- All states and territories shared the Minister's confidence in the valuable contribution Mr Fearnley will continue to make as the Board Chair.
- The Commonwealth will continue to meet its obligations under the NDIS Act on all future appointments to the NDIA Board.

Why was Mr Fearnley acted as NDIA Board Chair before he was reappointed?

- All jurisdictions agreed to reappoint Mr Fearnley for a further three-year term as Chair of the NDIA Board.
- To ensure continuity and stability while the substantive reappointment was being finalised, Minister Butler appointed Mr Fearnley to act in the position of Board Chair until 17 January 2026.
- This approach avoided a vacancy in the Chair role and maintained strong leadership during a critical period for the Agency.

Consultations:

Internal: Corporate Communications Branch

Attachments:

A: Media – Media Release

B: Biographical Details – Mr Kurt Fearnley

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Has Writing & Support reviewed/cleared input?	Yes
Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Not Applicable

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SENATOR JENNY MCALLISTER
MINISTER FOR THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

NDIA BOARD CHAIR REAPPOINTED FOR 3-YEAR TERM

The Australian Government has today announced the reappointment of Mr Kurt Fearnley AO as Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board.

Mr Fearnley, an accomplished Australian Paralympian and disability advocate, became the first person with disability to serve as Chair of the NDIA Board when he was appointed to the role in September 2022.

Since then, Mr Fearnley has lent his extensive experience and insight as a government director to the Board, offering strong leadership and strategic guidance during a pivotal time in the National Disability Insurance Scheme's (NDIS) history.

His dedicated stewardship of the NDIA Board has helped ensure the scheme remains on track, meets its objectives and continues to deliver for the more than 750,000 NDIS participants across Australia.

Under the *NDIS Act 2013*, the NDIA Board is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, governance and performance of the NDIS.

Mr Fearnley's new term as NDIA Board Chair will commence on 17 January 2026 for a period of 3 years.

For more information on the NDIA Board, visit the [NDIA website](#).

Quotes attributable to Minister Butler:

"For the past 3 years, Mr Fearnley's steadfast leadership of the NDIA Board has helped guide and safeguard the scheme during a time of significant change.

“It is not a responsibility to be taken lightly, and Mr Fearnley has shown he is capable of getting the NDIS back on track and placing the needs of participants, their families and carers at the heart of the scheme.

“I would like to congratulate Mr Fearnley on his reappointment and look forward to continue working alongside him and the NDIA Board as we pave the way for a better, more inclusive future for all Australians.”

Quotes attributable to Minister McAllister:

“As a tireless advocate for the disability community, Mr Fearnley has used his platform to champion the voices and experiences of people with disability, ensuring the scheme continues to deliver for those who need it most.

“His work demonstrates the importance of disability leadership at all levels of decision-making and reinforces the importance of working alongside people with disability, their families and carers to drive meaningful change.”

Quotes attributable to Mr Kurt Fearnley AO, Chair of the NDIA Board:

“The NDIS is a world-leading system of support for people with disability. I’m proud to work with the Board, disability community and the government to ensure this scheme is delivering for Australians today and for generations to come.”

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2026

MEDIA CONTACT:

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Biographical Details

Mr Kurt Fearnley AO is an experienced government and non-government director and five-time Australian Paralympian.

Mr Fearnley is a current Board Commissioner of the Australian Sports Commission and Board Director of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committee.

He is a former member of the boards of several organisations including Paralympics Australia, Life Without Barriers, Australian Volunteers International and the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation.

He was a member of the inaugural NDIS Independent Advisory Council, Vice Chairperson of the International Paralympic Committee Athletes' Council, carried out a number of roles for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, and was Co-Captain of the Australian Paralympic Team at the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

Mr Fearnley was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division in 2018 for his distinguished service to people with a disability, as a supporter of, and fundraiser for, indigenous athletics and charitable organisations, and as a Paralympic Athlete. He was the 2019 NSW Australian of the Year and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Griffith University for his contribution to sport and disability advocacy.

Mr Fearnley is also a high-school teacher, television presenter, podcaster and broadcaster, and former professional wheelchair athlete.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
MEMBER FOR PERTH
The Hon Patrick Gorman MP

Reference: MC25-163810

The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Mark

Thank you for your Letter dated 18 December 2025 to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister, regarding National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board appointments.

I agree to the appointments of Ms Maryanne Diamond AO, Mr Graeme Innes AM, Dr Dennis Naphthine AO, Ms Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo as acting Board Members of the NDIA Board until 16 June 2026, to ensure substantive arrangements can be finalised in line with the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (the NDIS Act).

I note that the acting appointment of Dr Richard Fejo will satisfy section 127(7) of the NDIS Act that at least one Board member other than the Chair is an Indigenous person.

I note you have written to states and territories seeking nominations for substantive appointments to the Board, and will write to them again seeking support of a final list of candidates. Recognising that significant reforms to the NDIS are underway, I ask that you write to the Prime Minister to advise of proposed nominations, ahead of consultation with states and territories, to ensure substantive appointments are finalised as soon as possible.

This letter has been copied to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

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PATRICK GORMAN

15 / 01 / 2026



Australian Government
Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

Ministerial Submission
Appointments One - Identify
MS25-902969
Version (1)

Date sent to MO: 5 November 2025

To: Minister Butler

cc: Minister McAllister

Subject: National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board Appointments

Critical date: 17 November 2025 to allow time to seek agreement from state and territory ministers, and the Prime Minister (or Cabinet), for any appointment of new Board members before the acting terms of current members expire in mid-January 2026.

Recommendation/s:

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| <p>1. Note that the terms of three members of the NDIA Board are due to expire on 17 January 2026, at the end of the three month acting period you approved on 13 October 2025 (MS25-902908 refers).</p> | <p>1. Noted/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>2. Note that the terms of two members of the NDIA Board are due to expire on 31 March 2026.</p> | <p>2. Noted/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>3. Note there is one further current NDIA Board vacancy.</p> | <p>3. Noted/Please discuss</p> |
| <p>4. Indicate your preferred option(s) for filling the three upcoming NDIA Board vacancies and existing vacancy:</p> <p>(a) Reappoint some or all of the three existing members</p> <p>(b) Nominate or endorse one or more preferred candidates</p> <p>(c) Seek nominations from state and territory disability ministers (Sign the letter at Attachment C).</p> | <p>4. Indicated/Please discuss</p> <p>Option (a) _____</p> <p>Option (b) _____</p> <p>Option (c) <u>Agreed</u></p> <p>Signed/Not signed/ Please discuss</p> |

5. **Note** legislative requirements that once you identify your preferred nominations, you must seek agreement from the states and territories (with 28 days to provide feedback). As these are significant appointments, you must also seek approval from the Prime Minister (or Cabinet).

5. **Noted/Please discuss**

Signature 

Date: 17/11/15

Comments:

Contact Officer:	James MacIsaac	First Assistant Secretary, NDIS Participants and Performance, Disability and Carers	Mobile: s22
Clearance Officer:	Robyn Shannon	Deputy Secretary, Disability and Carers Group	Mobile: s22

Submission summary: This submission seeks your decision on how to fill upcoming and existing NDIA Board vacancies. It outlines the options available to you and the process and timelines involved.

Appointment Details:

1. The requirements for managing appointments to the NDIA Board are outlined in the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) and the *Cabinet Handbook 15th Edition*.
2. As outlined in the NDIS Act, the NDIA Board is comprised of the Chair and up to 11 other members. A full list of Board members and their term expiry dates is at **Attachment A**.
3. On 13 October 2025 (MS25-902908 refers), you agreed to temporarily extend Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Naphine as Board members for a period of three months until 17 January 2026, pending further advice from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing(department).
4. The terms of Ms Joan McKenna-Kerr AM and Dr Richard Fejo are due to expire on 31 March 2026. There is also one existing Board vacancy, bringing the total upcoming positions requiring consideration to six.
5. Your office has indicated you may want to refresh the membership of the Board in line with ensuring the Board has the appropriate mix of skills and experience, along with lived experience, to carry out its functions. This could include consideration of reappointing Ms Diamond, Mr Innes, Dr Naphine, Ms Joan McKenna-Kerr and Dr Fejo.

6. The following options are available to you for filling the upcoming vacancies. These options are not mutually exclusive, and they can be combined in whichever way you choose.
- Option (a) - Reappoint some or all of the existing members – should you choose this option; please indicate which members you wish to reappoint in the recommendations comments box.
 - Option (b) - Nominate or endorse a candidate/s yourself – should you choose this option, please indicate your preferred nominees in the recommendations comments box. The department has provided a short list of potential candidates at Attachment B and can work with your office to identify other potential candidates if you wish.
 - Option (c) - Seek candidate nominations from your state and territory counterparts, should you be inclined to choose this option, please send the letter provided at Attachment C at your earliest convenience.
7. The NDIS Act does not specify any requirements related to the minimum number of Board member positions to be filled at any one time. According to the NDIS Act, a quorum at meetings of the Board is constituted by a majority of the Board members. Therefore, the decision on how many new members to appoint, or existing members to reappoint, is at your discretion, noting that there can be no more than 11.
8. The NDIS Act (section 127(2)) does, however, stipulate eligibility requirements for Board members, including that they must be:
- a person with disability
 - a person with lived experience of disability, or
 - a person that has skills experience or knowledge in at least one of the following fields:
 - the provision or use of disability services
 - the operation of insurance schemes, compensation schemes or schemes with long-term liabilities
 - financial management
 - corporate governance
9. The NDIS Act states that in appointing Board members, the Minister must ensure that the Board members collectively possess an appropriate balance of these characteristics.
10. The NDIS Act also states that at least one Board member other than the Chair is an Indigenous person (whether or not the Chair is an Indigenous person). Dr Fejo is currently the only indigenous member, and his term expires on 31 March 2026.
11. A summary of the spread of lived experience and technical expertise of current Board Members is provided at Attachment A.
- There are currently six members with disability and two carers of people with disability. This includes ^{s47F} who are both people with disability, and ^{s47F} who is a carer of a person with disability. If any of these members are not reappointed, you may wish to ensure that they are replaced with members with lived experience.
 - There is currently a good spread of technical expertise. Even if ^{s47F} and ^{s47F} were not reappointed, there would still be at least four members with expertise in each of the areas outlined above, with the exception of financial management which has (and would continue to have) three members with expertise in this area.

12. Once nominations are finalised, section 127 of the NDIS Act requires that you seek agreement from state and territory disability ministers to any Board appointments.
- a. The NDIS Act provides that you must give notice in writing and request agreement within 28 days. Within that 28-day period, state and territory ministers may request an extension of up to 90 days to respond.

s47E(d)



13. Subject to your decision to seek nominations from states as per Option (c) above you could also indicate in the letter at **Attachment C** any preferred nomination of current or new members that satisfy the requirement of S127 of the NDIS Act.
14. The appointments of NDIA Board members are considered significant appointments, requiring the approval of the Prime Minister or, at his discretion, Cabinet. Therefore, once agreement from states and territories is received, approval from the Prime Minister or Cabinet must also be sought.

Background:

15. The NDIA Board is established under the NDIS Act. Its functions are to ensure the proper, efficient and effective performance of the NDIA's functions; determine objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the NDIA; and any other functions conferred on the Board by or under the NDIS Act, the associated regulations or instruments made under the NDIS Act, or any other law of the Commonwealth.
- a. In performing its functions, the Board must have regard to the relevant actuarial analysis and advice and the relevant advice and report provided by the audit committee.
16. The NDIS Act specifies that Board members must not engage in any paid employment that, in the Minister's opinion, conflicts or may conflict with the proper performance of the member's duties.

Gender Diversity on Australian Government Boards:

17. From 1 July 2016, the Australian Government stipulated a gender diversity target whereby women are to hold at least 50% of positions on Government boards and committees, and at least 40% of positions on individual boards and committees.

Sensitivities:

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20. s47E(d)

Remuneration/Financial Implications:

21. The remuneration of Board Members is set by the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office) Determination 2025*. Under this determination, members of the NDIA Board are entitled to \$79,760 per annum plus Teir 1 travel allowance, and additional fees for sitting on the audit or sustainability committees.

Timing/Handling:

22. Your consideration of this submission is requested by 17 November 2026. This will allow sufficient time for all necessary processes to be completed prior to current members' acting terms expiring in mid-January 2026. The timelines involved differ depending on which way forward you choose, but in all cases require rapid turnaround at each step to avoid having to extend the acting appointments of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine.

- a. Option (a)/(b) timeline (without seeking nomination from states and territories)
 - i. 17 November 2025 - Respond to this brief with your preferred candidates
 - ii. 19 November 2025 – the department to provide a further submission with a letter to the state and territory Ministers for you to send seeking their agreement to the proposed candidates.
 - iii. 24 November 2025 – Letters to state and territory Ministers are sent by this date.
 - iv. 22 December 2025 (or earlier) - Assuming the letter is sent on 24 November 2025, feedback would need to be provided within 28 days of that date (22 December 2025). Noting, however, that state and territory ministers may, within that 28-day period, request an extension of up to 90 days to respond. This would push the response to mid-February 2026 and require an extension of the current acting arrangements.
 - v. 24 December 2025 – the department to provide another submission asking the Minister to send a letter to the Prime Minister requesting his or, at his discretion, Cabinet's approval of the final list.
 - vi. January 2026 – If Prime Minister elects to have the Cabinet consider the appointments, Cabinet to consider the matter and provide approval. If approval not obtained by 17 January 2026, an extension of the current acting appointments will be required.
- b. Option (c) Timeline (seeking state and territory nominations)
 - i. Should you choose option (c) the acting appointments of Ms Diamond, Mr Innes and Dr Napthine may need to be further extended.

- ii. However, this could be avoided by indicating your proposed new nominations or reappointments to states when writing to seek their further nominations in the letter at **Attachment C**. This would mean that the 28-day agreement period would commence on the date that the letter is sent for these nominations/reappointments. Any further nominations for remaining vacancies from you or states or territories could be progressed on a later timeline, including for the additional two vacancies arising in March 2026.

Consultations:

23. The Ministerial Appointments Reporting and Committee Support team of the department were consulted in the preparation of this submission. Your office was also consulted.

Communication/Media Activities:

24. There is no communication activity associated with this submission. The department will discuss with your office future communications opportunities when the NDIA Board appointments have been finalised.

Attachments:

- A:** List of current Board Members and their skills
- B:** List of potential Board nominations
- C:** Letter to state and territory ministers seeking nominations

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NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY BOARD: as at 25/09/2025

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>POSITION</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>STATE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>EXPIRY DATE</u> <i>(previous term/s in italics)</i>	<u>LIVED EXPERIENCE</u>
<i>Current members:</i>						
Mr Kurt FEARNLEY AO	M	Chair	NSW	18.10.22	17.10.25	s47F
Mr Mark DARRAS	M	Member	VIC	24.11.23	23.11.26	
Ms Maryanne DIAMOND AO	F	Member	VIC	18.10.22	17.01.26	
Dr Richard FEJO	M	Member	NT	01.04.23	31.03.26	
Dr Rhonda GALBALLY AC	F	Member	VIC	01.01.25	31.12.27	
Dr Graeme INNES AM	M	Member	QLD	18.10.22	17.01.26	
Mrs Joan MCKENNA KERR	F	Member	WA	01.04.23	31.03.26	
Dr Denis NAPTHINE AO	M	Member <i>Chair</i>	VIC	18.10.22 <i>01.04.22</i>	17.01.26 <i>18.07.22</i>	
Ms Estelle PEARSON	F	Member <i>Member</i>	NSW	11.10.23 <i>01.01.17</i>	10.10.26 <i>10.10.23</i>	
Dr Ian WATT AC	M	Member	VIC	28.08.24	27.08.27	
Ms Leah VAN POPPEL	F	Member <i>Member</i>	VIC	01.01.25 <i>01.01.22</i>	31.12.27 <i>31.12.24</i>	
<i>Vacant</i>	---	<i>Member</i>	---	---	---	

Current Gender and Geographic composition		
Gender balance	Geographic balance	
Males: 6 (54.5%) Females 5 (45.5%)	NSW: 2 VIC: 6 SA: 0 NT: 1	WA: 1 QLD: 1 TAS: 0 ACT: 0

Current technical expertise (as per section 127(2) of NDIS Act)											
	Mr Kurt FEARNLEY AO	Mr Mark DARRAS	Dr Richard FEJO	Ms Maryanne DIAMOND AO	Dr Rhonda GALBALLY AC	Dr Graeme INNES AM	Mrs Joan MCKENNA KERR	Dr Denis NAPTHINE AO	Ms Estelle PEARSON	Dr Ian WATT AC	Ms Leah VAN POPPEL
Provision or use of disability services	This document has been released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.										
Operation of insurance or compensation schemes or schemes with long-term liabilities											
Financial management											
Corporate governance											



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-902969

The Hon Nat Cook MP
Minister for Human Services, Seniors and Ageing Well
GPO Box 2832
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister 

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I would appreciate your nominations for suitable candidates by 1 December 2025. I will then consider the responses, and write to you again seeking your agreement to the final list of proposed candidates, as per the legislative requirement that the appointment is supported by a majority of the group consisting of the Commonwealth and all state and territory jurisdictions.

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Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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Encl (1) Current NDIA Board Membership List

cc: Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the NDIS



The Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Ref No: MS25-902969

The Hon Joanne Palmer MLC
Minister for Disability Services
Level 9, 15 Murray Street
HOBART TAS 7000

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Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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The Hon Lizzie Blandthorn MP
Minister for Disability
Level 22, 50 Lonsdale Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister *Lizzie*

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The Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
Minister for Disability Services
Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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Ms Suzanne Orr MLA
Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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The Hon Kate Washington MP
Minister for Disability Inclusion
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Minister for Disability
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

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The Hon Amanda Camm MP
Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services
GPO Box 2031
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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