



Australian Government

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

NDIS Amendment

Securing the NDIS for Future Generations

July 2026 Fact sheet

Part 1

Changes to areas

1. When NDIS plans can be paused or cancelled.
2. What a permanent disability means.





Australian Government

**Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing**

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

We say **DHDA** for short.

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



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

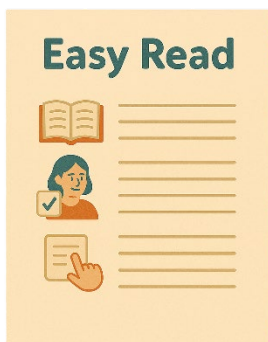
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We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



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



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

- Land
- Waters.

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Changes to NDIS laws



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

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



To do this the Government

- **Introduced the NDIS Amendment Bill 2026** in May 2026.

This Bill is a proposed change to the NDIS law.

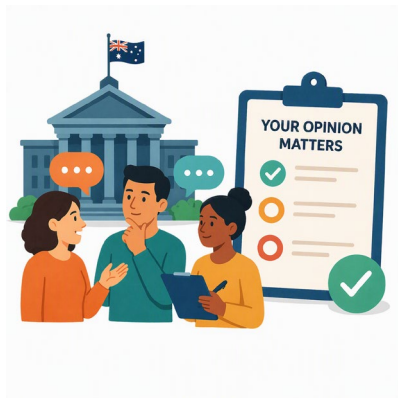
It means it is **not** a law yet.



Changes to the laws are called **amendments**.

They help laws

- Change
- Be better.



The Government asked people what they thought about the Bill.



We heard from

- People with disability



- Families



- **Advocates**

An advocate is someone who supports you to speak up for your **rights**.

It can also be called **advocacy**.



Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



- **Organisations.**



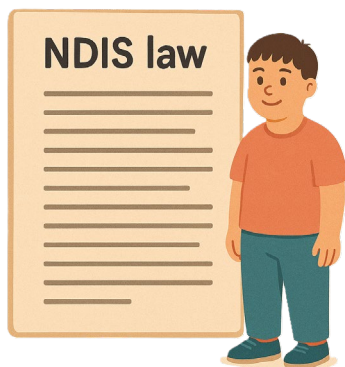
The Bill changes were agreed to in Parliament on

- 1 July 2026.



The changes will

- Help keep people who get NDIS safe



- Make the laws clear



- Make the laws easier to understand.



The changes to the NDIS laws are in

- 8 different areas.

The changes are in 3 different Easy Reads.



This is **part 1**.

It has the changes in areas

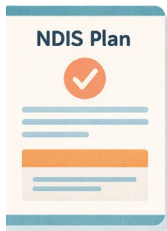
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You can read the other parts on our website.

www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/changes-to-the-ndis-amendment-securing-the-ndis-for-future-generations-bill-2026-fact-sheet

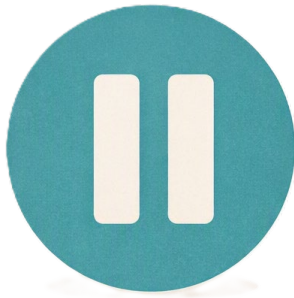
They are in Easy Read.



The changes are

Area 1

- When NDIS plans can be **paused** or **cancelled**



Paused means you can **not** use your plan for a while.



Cancelled means you would **not** get any more money from NDIS.



Area 2

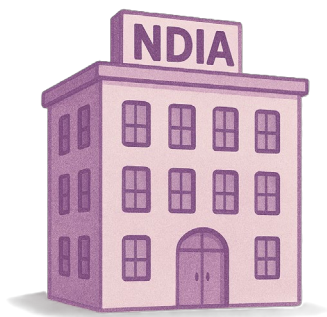
- What a **permanent disability** means.

A permanent disability does **not** go away.

It will likely last for the rest of their life.

Area 1 changes

When NDIS plans can be paused or cancelled



This change is about **National Disability Insurance Agency** trying to contact someone who gets NDIS money.

We call it **NDIA** for short.

They look after the NDIS.



NDIA need to contact

- The person who has a NDIS plan



- Their **nominee**

A nominee is someone you choose to

- Get letters from NDIA about your NDIS plan
- Write back to the letters if they need to.

Some people do **not** have a nominee.



- Someone else that you have said can talk to NDIA for you.

This is called an **authorised person**.



NDIA need to try **at least** 5 times.

NDIA need to contact the person in the way they like.

This could be by

- Phone
- Email
- Letter in the mail.



NDIA needs to try and contact you over 3 to 4 months.



NDIA can **pause** your NDIS plan if they contact you and you do **not**

- Answer them
- Give them the information they ask for.



NDIA can **cancel** your NDIS plan if

- Your plan has been paused for **at least** 90 days
- They can **not** contact you at all.



This rule is **not** for people who are in

- In hospital



- In an **institution**

Institutions are places that people with disability live together and get support.



- Are **homeless**.

Homeless means you do **not** have a home to live in.

Area 2 changes

Changes to what permanent disability means



This change is about who can get NDIS.

You now can only get NDIS if your disability

- Lasts a long time
- Will probably last a long time.



This change will add another rule.

People will only be able to get NDIS if they have

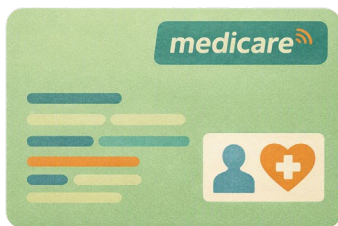
- Tried all the treatment they can to help them



- These treatments do **not** help them



- Their disability will last for the rest of their life.



The treatments can be paid for by

- Medicare



- **Pharmaceuticals Benefits Scheme**

It is called **PBS** for short.

PBS helps people pay less money for medicine.



- Public hospitals.



Restrictive practices do **not** count as treatment.

Restrictive practices can take away your rights.

They stop you from

- Going places
- Doing what you want.



Types of restrictive practices include

- **Seclusion**

This is when someone is kept alone in a

- Room
- Place.

They can **not** leave on their own.



- **Chemical restraint**

Chemical restraint is a medicine used to stop someone from

- Moving around
- Doing things.

The medicine is **not** used for a health condition.



- **Mechanical restraint**

Mechanical restraint is when something is used to stop people from moving around.

This could be

- Equipment
- Devices.

Like having special clothing to stop people from hurting themselves.



- **Physical restraint**

Physical restraint is when someone uses their body to stop someone else moving around.

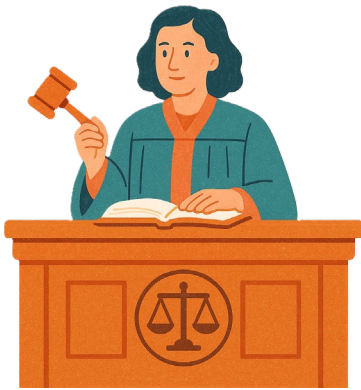


- **Environmental restraint**

Environmental restraint is when someone is stopped from going where they want.

They might be blocked from going places.

Like the door is locked.



The wording has been changed to

- Make sure the Courts understand how to follow the law.

This is called **clarifying legal interpretation**.



You can now go to

- **Part 2** to read about more changes.

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