

# Technical Advisory Group on NDIS Functional Capacity - Communique

**9 July 2026**

Professor Christine Imms and Ms Mary Wood, Deputy Secretary, Disability and Carers Group, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, co-chaired the inaugural meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on NDIS Functional Capacity (TAG) today.

The TAG brings together national expertise relevant to disability and functional assessment, including people with lived experience of disability. These experts will provide independent advice to government on the framework and processes for assessing substantially reduced functional capacity relating to access to the NDIS.

The Hon Minister Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, ACT Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services attended the meeting as co-conveners. Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, Minister for the NDIS also attended. Ministers provided a strategic overview of the NDIS reforms and the work of the TAG.

The TAG acknowledged the need to create more consistent, equitable access and to reduce the administrative burden on NDIS applicants and their families.

They discussed the objectives and key design principles for NDIS access reform. The TAG noted the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 is being considered by the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee and is scheduled to report back to the Senate on 14 August 2026.

Discussion also covered stakeholder engagement and consultation planning, and how lived experience and evidence from engagement activities will shape the TAG's advice.

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