



NDIS Reform Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary – Friday 4 September 2026

The NDIS Reform Advisory Committee (RAC) met on 4 September 2026.

The RAC received an update from officials from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) on implementation of the amended NDIS Act, including support determinations, plan renewals, and arrangements for participants with high support needs. The RAC also met with Minister McAllister to discuss reform implementation priorities and the RAC's future role in providing advice on NDIS reforms and foundational supports.

The RAC welcomed new member Clare Gibellini as Western Australia's representative and acknowledged the ongoing contribution of members and stakeholder networks in providing feedback on reform implementation. The Chair also noted recent engagement with the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) and advised that the RAC had received correspondence acknowledging its contribution to disability reform discussions.

DHDA and NDIA officials provided an overview of implementation arrangements following the amended NDIS Act. Officials outlined the proposed support determination framework, including the funding reset for social, economic and community participation supports and improved daily living supports, as well as the staged implementation approach from October 2026 through to September 2027. Members discussed plan renewals, reassessments and the transition arrangements that will apply to participants with existing plans. Officials advised that support determinations apply only to participants under the current (old) planning framework and will not apply to participants who transition to new framework planning.

Members raised a range of questions regarding communication, implementation timeframes and participant understanding of the reforms. Discussion focused on participant certainty regarding plan renewals, the distinction between renewals and current continuation processes, and the practical implications for participants with long-duration plans. Members emphasised the importance of clear and accessible communication to ensure participants, families and providers understand upcoming changes and can navigate new arrangements.

The RAC also discussed the proposed high support needs plan variation pathway. Members expressed concern about the potential impacts of funding reductions on participants requiring continuous and complex supports, particularly those living in supported accommodation or receiving 24-hour support arrangements. Discussion highlighted concerns about service continuity, risks to participant wellbeing, provider sustainability and the potential impacts on carers and families. Members also raised concerns regarding safeguarding, social inclusion and the cumulative impacts of reduced community participation supports. Officials advised that further work is underway to refine implementation arrangements and mitigate risks for participants with high support needs.



Minister McAllister joined the meeting to discuss the next phase of NDIS reforms following the passage of the legislation. The Minister acknowledged the significant concerns being raised across the disability community and thanked RAC members for continuing to engage constructively with government throughout the reform process. The Minister emphasised the importance of lived experience advice and noted the RAC's unique role in providing feedback on implementation from both participant and jurisdictional perspectives.

Minister McAllister outlined three priority areas for RAC engagement over the next phase of reform:

- New Framework Planning implementation.
- Access and eligibility reform, including engagement with the Technical Advisory Group.
- Monitoring implementation of the Thriving Kids reforms and interfaces between the NDIS and foundational supports.

The Minister also highlighted broader reform work underway, including exploration of commissioning approaches for Supported Independent Living (SIL), workforce sustainability, service quality and participant safeguarding.

Members shared feedback from their jurisdictions and stakeholder networks, reporting ongoing uncertainty and concern across the disability community regarding support determinations, future access arrangements, foundational supports, workforce availability and service continuity. Members highlighted widespread distrust and confusion regarding communications from the NDIS and emphasised the need for clearer information and greater transparency as reforms progress. Discussion also identified particular concerns for regional and remote communities, First Nation participants, culturally diverse communities, participants with complex support needs and family carers who may experience unintended consequences from reform implementation.

The RAC reflected on its future work priorities and endorsed an interim work plan focused on new framework planning, access and eligibility reforms, and the interface between the NDIS and foundational supports. Members noted the importance of ensuring RAC advice remains informed by participant experiences, stakeholder engagement and emerging implementation issues across all jurisdictions. The RAC also discussed the importance of strengthening feedback mechanisms, improving access to implementation data and ensuring the committee is appropriately supported to undertake its advisory role.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 October 2026.