



Securing the NDIS for future generations

Stakeholder roundtable schedule

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	JUNE 24	JUNE 22	JUNE 29	JULY 6	JULY 13	JULY 20	JULY 27
Access and eligibility assessment				Roundtable 4: Agenda item 1 – Substantially Reduced Functional Capacity	Roundtable 5: Agenda item 1 – Permanence	Roundtable 6: Agenda item 1 – Access to other systems	
New framework planning and NDIS Support rules	Roundtable 1: Draft rules for new framework planning			Roundtable 4: Agenda item 2 – Draft rules for new framework planning			
Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities		Roundtable 2: Agenda item 1					
Inclusive Communities Fund		Roundtable 2: Agenda item 2 – Inclusive Communities Fund					
Commissioning Supported Independent Living			Roundtable 3: Agenda item 1 – Commissioning SIL				
Other measures							Roundtable 7: Other measures and overflow



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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

NDIS Reforms: 2026 sector & community consultation plan

May 2026

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This plan outlines the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's approach to consulting disability sector stakeholders and the public for NDIS reforms the Government has committed to engage on in 2026.

Specifically, it covers consultation on:

- Eligibility assessment based on functional capacity
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- Inclusive Communities Fund
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- Potential commissioning for Supported Independent Living supports
- Further differentiated pricing of registered and non-registered providers

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Consultation will be coordinated by the Department and take account of relevant consultation being led by the NDIA and NDIS Commission.

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Early consultation will happen through continuing regular (weekly or fortnightly) forums with key sector stakeholders. Attendees will vary depending on the topic, but may include Disability Representative Organisations, NDIS Reform Advisory Committee Chairs, and key peak provider bodies. States and territories will be kept informed of stakeholder feedback through Disability Senior Officials Group (DSOG). These engagements will shape policy development and inform subsequent public consultation.

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Note:

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Detailed Process

Engagement will be delivered through three key layers, supported by consistent reporting and feedback loops:

1. Targeted consultation with key sector stakeholders
2. Consultation with states and territories
3. Public consultation
4. Reporting

An overview of the sequencing of these stages for each of the reforms to be consulted on is at **Attachment A**.

Stage 1: Targeted consultation with key stakeholders

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- Cadence: Weekly or fortnightly (TBC) from mid-June to late July 2026 (until public consultation begins). Stakeholders will be consulted to identify a workable recurring window.
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- Approach: Each week will focus on a specific reform topic or sub-topic (e.g. specific component of access reforms) set by the Department. A standard consultation pack will be prepared by lead policy areas. This will include an overview of the reform, key discussion questions, and the proposed approach to public consultation.

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Stage 2: Consultation with states and territories

Jurisdictions will be engaged on the process of stakeholder and community consultation through established DSOG channels.

- Sessions on each reform topic to be consulted on will be held at monthly DSOG workshops.
- Officials will be briefed on policy proposals, given feedback from sector consultations and have an opportunity to provide feedback on public consultation approaches.

Note: This is distinct from the legislative instrument agreement process, which will be outlined in a separate state and territory engagement strategy and timeline.

Stage 3: Public consultation

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Attachment A: 2026 sector & community consultation timeline

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Roles and responsibilities:

NDIS Legislation, Policy, and Engagement	• Manage meeting logistics and liaison with DROs. • Facilitate weekly roundtables, including discussion. • Organise accessibility requirements, including live transcripts and captioning
NDIS Sustainability Taskforce	• Coordinate policy area participation and calendar of topics. • Develop templates for consultation materials. • Develop templates for meeting records / 'what we heard' summaries.
Lead policy areas	• Prepare materials for consultation. • EL2s, supported by SES where required, provide briefing of reforms. • SES and EL2s participate in discussion and Q&A to support stakeholder understanding of reforms. • Relevant team members attend roundtables to prepare short meeting records, which will be consolidated into 'what we heard' summaries (see Stage 4).

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Roles and responsibilities:

NDIS Strategy and Governance Branch	• Manage DRMC and DSOG meeting logistics. • Coordinate papers and briefs for meetings. • Record feedback and outcomes. • Direct communications with states and territories on reform matters. • Coordinates sequencing of topics for discussion at DSOG / DRMC.
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NDIS Sustainability Taskforce	• Work with policy areas and NDIS Strategy and Governance branch to coordinate sequencing and consultation materials.
Lead policy areas	• Prepare materials for consultation. • SES (and EL2s as appropriate) lead consultation on relevant reform topics at DSOG workshops.

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Roles and responsibilities:

Reform Program Office (NB: RPO involvement subject to discussions on capacity)	• Lead and coordinate the public consultation process where possible, or support third party engagement where required. • Produce Easy Read and Auslan videos of consultation papers
NDIS Sustainability Taskforce	• Coordinates sequencing of topics for consultation. • Develop templates for consultation papers.
Lead policy areas	• Develop consultation materials, including drafting the consultation paper. • Work closely with the Reform Program Office on accessible materials, including Easy Read versions.

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Roles and responsibilities

Lead policy areas	- Analyse consultation feedback - Develop 'what we heard' summaries - Develop detailed consultation summaries
Reform Program Office (NB: RPO involvement subject to discussions on capacity)	- Coordinate and support policy areas developing 'what we heard' summaries - Coordinate publication with Communications - Produce Easy Read and Auslan versions
Corporate Communication Branch	- Prepare materials for publication - Manage publication and distribution

Attachments:

Attachment A: 2026 sector and community consultation timeline

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DHDA news article, for publication w/c 1 June

Securing the NDIS for future generations: Update on public consultation

In the 2026-27 Budget the Government announced changes to secure the future of the NDIS for people with permanent and significant disability.

On 14 May 2026 the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill was introduced to Parliament.

Further reform is needed to ensure the NDIS continues to transform lives through its support to people with disability and their families. The Government is committed to working with the disability community and states and territories on these longer-term changes.

What the Government is consulting on

In 2026, the Government will consult on:

- Design of a commissioning approach for home and living supports for Supported Independent Living (SIL) participants who need 24/7 support to ensure participants receive the best supports and address provider viability challenges
- Expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers
- Design of the Inclusive Communities Fund
- Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities to ensure genuinely inclusive activities are available in the market.
- Updated new framework planning rules
- New eligibility process to determine access to the NDIS

How consultation will work

You will be able to have your say by making a submission through the Department's [Consultation Hub](#).

Each consultation will be supported by a short, easy-to-understand paper explaining the proposed changes and how they fit into the broader reforms. These will be available in Auslan and Easy Read format.

You can:

- make a submission
- submit a video (including in Auslan)
- respond by email
- request a phone call to share your views.

The Government will also consult directly with the disability sector. This will include:

- [Disability Representative Organisations](#)
- [NDIS Reform Advisory Committee](#)
- National Disability Insurance Agency advisory groups
- Experts
- Providers
- Health professionals and disability support workers.

When consultation will take place

Consultation will run from July to October in line with the [reform timeline](#).

Consultation will occur in stages so the community can focus on giving feedback on one topic at a time. You can share your views on any – or all – topics.

More specific dates will be provided soon.

Technical Advisory Group on NDIS access

The Government is establishing a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide advice on access reforms.

The TAG will bring together national expertise to provide independent, evidence-based advice to support the development of a robust and consistent assessment framework for assessing NDIS substantially reduced functional capacity for the purposes of NDIS access.

This will include advice on reforms to NDIS access criteria to enable the commencement of Thriving Kids. It will guide the identification, design and integration of appropriate assessment approaches, tools and thresholds to ensure access decisions are equitable, consistent and aligned with the original intent of the Scheme.

TAG's advice will be informed by consultation with the disability community and sector as outlined above.

Find out more

Read more about [securing the NDIS for future generations](#)

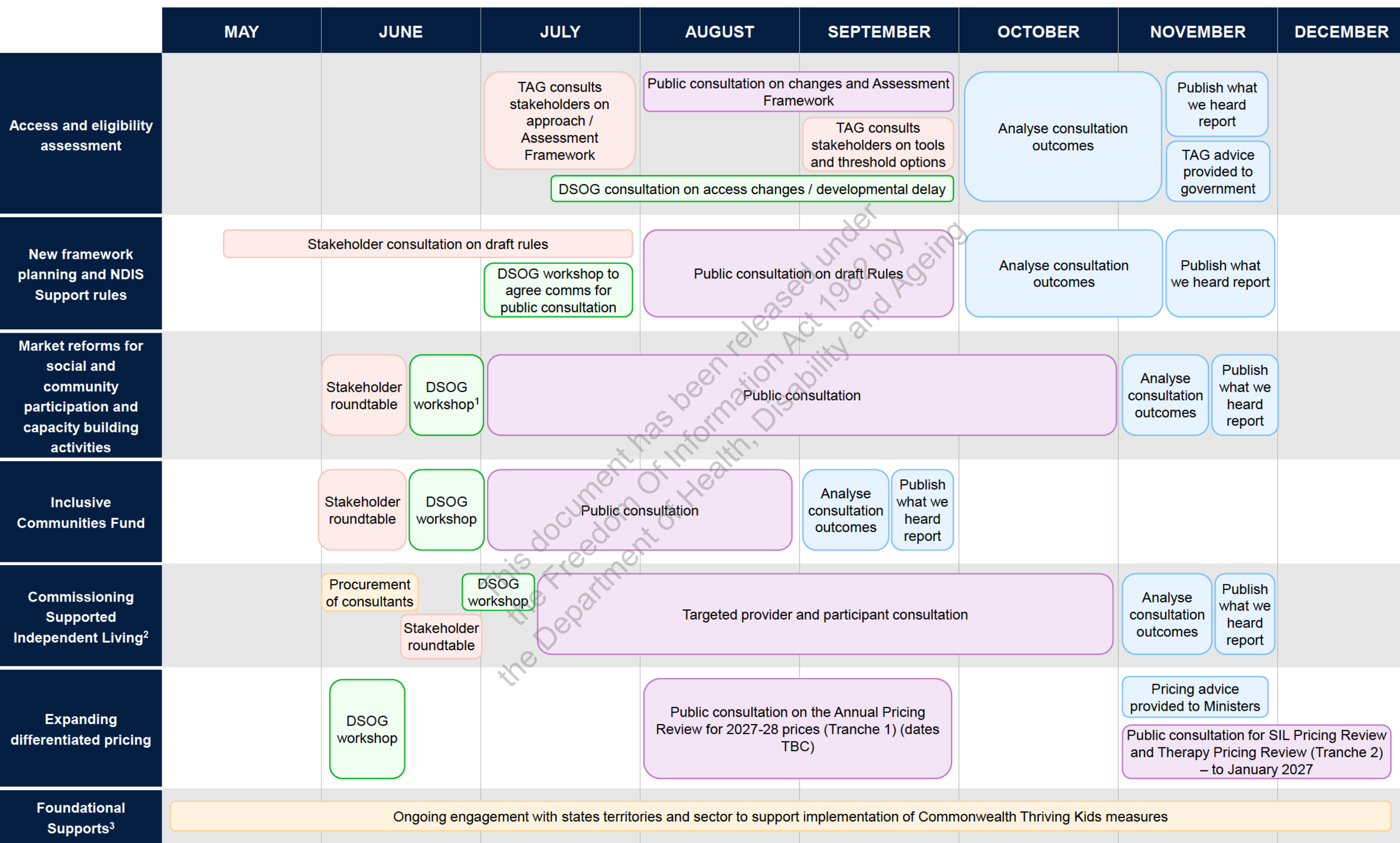
Read more about the [NDIS Amendment \(Securing the NDIS for Future Generations\) Bill 2026](#)

Read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for participants and providers

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2026 sector & community consultation timeline



Notes:

1. This timeline does not include all state and territory engagement. DSOG workshops included are to engage states on stakeholder feedback and public consultation processes.
2. Consultation and design of SIL commissioning will be undertaken separately through an expert-led process from mid-2026.
3. Timeframes and approach for consultation on additional cohorts are subject to decisions of government.



Securing the NDIS for future generations: Stakeholder engagement dates

Date	Stakeholder
21 April	Council of Federal Financial Relations (CFFR)
	NDIS Board Chair (s47F)
22 April	NDIA Board
	State and territory Disability Ministers and Secretaries
23 April	Disability Representative Organisations, NDIS Reform Advisory co- chairs (s47F and s47F) and Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council Chair (s47F)
24 April	First Deputies Group and Deputy Heads of Treasuries
1 May	Health Ministers Meeting
4 May	Disability Senior Officials Group
6 May	NDIA Board
7 May	Disability Representative Organisations, NDIS Reform Advisory co-chairs (s47F and s47F) and Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council Chair (s47F)
11 May	Disability Senior Officials Group
13 May	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Provider Advisory Group (Life Without Barriers, Northcott, Yooralla, Aruma)
	Disability Senior Officials Group
14 May	Provider Peaks briefed (NDS, A30, Ability First)
	Allied Health Professions Australia
15 May	Disability Secretaries
18 May	Disability Representative Organisations, NDIS Reform Advisory Co-Chairs (s47F and s47F) and Justice and Equity Centre
	NDIS CEO and Providers Roundtable
20 May	Justice and Equity Centre
21 May	NDIA Industry Chief Executive Forum
22 May	Disability Reform Ministers Meeting
	NDIS Reform Advisory Committee
27 May	NDIA's Neurodegenerative, Palliative Care and Rare Diseases Advisory Group

Date	Stakeholder
28 May	Disability Senior Officials Group
	Disability Representative & Carers Organisations Forum
2 June	NDIA's Rural and Remote Advisory Group
9 June (scheduled)	DHDA's Multicultural Advisory Group
17 June (scheduled)	WA's Community Advisory Council
19 June (scheduled)	Victoria's Disability Advisory Council
30 June (scheduled)	NDIS Reform Advisory Committee

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Community consultation project plan

Stage 1 – Targeted Consultation with Key Sector Stakeholders

Timeline of Sector Roundtables				June					July			
	Action	Responsible	Status	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
Establish meetings	Finalise participant list (e.g. RAC Co-Chairs, 15 DROs, other key stakeholders)	Taskforce & Policy areas	Complete									
	Confirm topics and schedule for each roundtable	Taskforce & Policy areas	Complete									
	Confirm dates and timing for each session	Strat Eng & comms	Complete									
	Schedule meetings, including purpose, scope, and forward agendas	Strat Eng & comms	Complete									
	Organise accessible comms for meetings (Auslan)	Strat Eng & comms	Complete									
Policy preparation	Finalise templates for policy area use	Taskforce	Complete									
	Circulate confirmed schedule and templates for development of consultation material	Taskforce	Complete									
	Schedule pre-brief meetings with policy areas	Strat Eng & comms										
Roundtables	FAS cleared NFP consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	Circulation of NFP consultation content to attendees	Strat Eng & comms										
	Roundtable meeting 1	Strat Eng & comms; Policy areas				18 th						
	FAS cleared ICF consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	FAS cleared market reforms consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	Circulation of ICF and market reforms consultation content to attendees	Strat Eng & comms										
	Roundtable meeting 2	Strat Eng & comms; Policy areas				25 th						
	FAS cleared access and eligibility consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	Circulation of access and eligibility consultation content to attendees	Strat Eng & comms										
	Roundtable meeting 3	Strat Eng & comms; Policy areas						2 nd				
	FAS cleared access and eligibility consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	Circulation of access and eligibility consultation content to attendees	Strat Eng & comms										
	Roundtable meeting 4	Strat Eng & comms							7 th			
	FAS cleared access and eligibility consultation content due for circulation	Policy area										
	Circulation of access and eligibility consultation content to attendees	Strat Eng & comms										
	Roundtable meeting 5	Strat Eng & comms								14 th		
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	Roundtable meeting 6	Strat Eng & comms									23 rd	

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	Roundtable meeting 7	Strat Eng & comms										30 th	
	Wrap up email to attendees	Strat Eng & comms											

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Timeline for stakeholder roundtable setup

Date	Task	Responsible
10 Jun - Wed	Confirm dates with DROs and schedule placeholder in calendars Circulate email to FASs confirming meeting schedule, participant list, and providing template	s47E(c), s47F
11 Jun - Thurs	FAS clearance of topic schedule due Confirm meeting dates in calendars and circulate forward agenda to DROs, include purpose and scope in invitation Organise accessible comms for meetings Circulate confirmed schedule, templates, and instructions to EL2s and ASs	
15 Jun - Mon	FAS cleared content for meeting 1 due to TF Circulate meeting 1 content to members	
18 Jun - Thurs	Roundtable 1 – New Framework Planning FAS cleared content for meeting 2 due to TF	
19 Jun - Fri	Circulate meeting 2 content to members	
25 Jun - Thurs	Roundtable 2 FAS cleared content for meeting 3 due to TF	
26 Jun - Fri	Circulate meeting 3 content to members	
1 Jul - Wed	FAS cleared content for meeting 4 due to TF Circulate meeting 4 content to members	
2 Jul - Thurs	Roundtable 3	
7 Jul - Tues	Roundtable 4 FAS cleared content for meeting 5 due to TF	
8 Jul - Wed	Circulate meeting 5 content to members	
14 Jul - Tues	Roundtable 5 FAS cleared content for meeting 6 due to TF	
17 Jul - Fri	Circulate meeting 6 content to members	
23 Jul - Thurs	Roundtable 6	
24 Jul - Fri	FAS cleared content for meeting 7 due to TF Circulate meeting 7 content to members	
30 Jul – Thurs	Roundtable 7	
31 Jul – Fri	Distribute wrap up email to members advising of next steps	

Stage 2 – State consultation

Timeline of Sector Roundtables				June					July			
	Action	Responsible	Status	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
Scheduling	s47E(c), Emails47F Erin confirming the approach to engage DSOG ahead of public consultation	Task force	Complete									
	Confirm the forward agendas with DRMC secretariat align with the consultation timeline	DRMC Secretariat	Complete									
	Monitor DSOG schedules and invitations	Taskforce	Ongoing									
DSOG meetings	ICF, Market reforms, Differentiated pricing discussed at DSOG	Secretariat, policy area										
	SIL, new framework planning discussed at DSOG	Secretariat, policy area										
	Access and eligibility discussed at DSOG	Secretariat, policy area										>>>

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Stage 3 & 4 – Public consultation and reporting

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Establish process and initial tasking	Develop consultation paper templates	Taskforce	Complete																											
	Email tasking policy areas to develop consultation papers	RPO	Complete																											
	Establish process and roles with RPO and communications	Taskforce	Complete																											
ICF consultation	FAS cleared consultation paper due to TF	Policy lead	Complete		10 th																									
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	Consultation goes live	Policy lead & RPO						1 st									31 st													
	Policy lead to monitor consultation submissions	Policy lead																												
ICF reporting	Analyse consultation outcomes and develop report	Policy lead																												
	FAS cleared consultation report provided to TF	Policy lead																												
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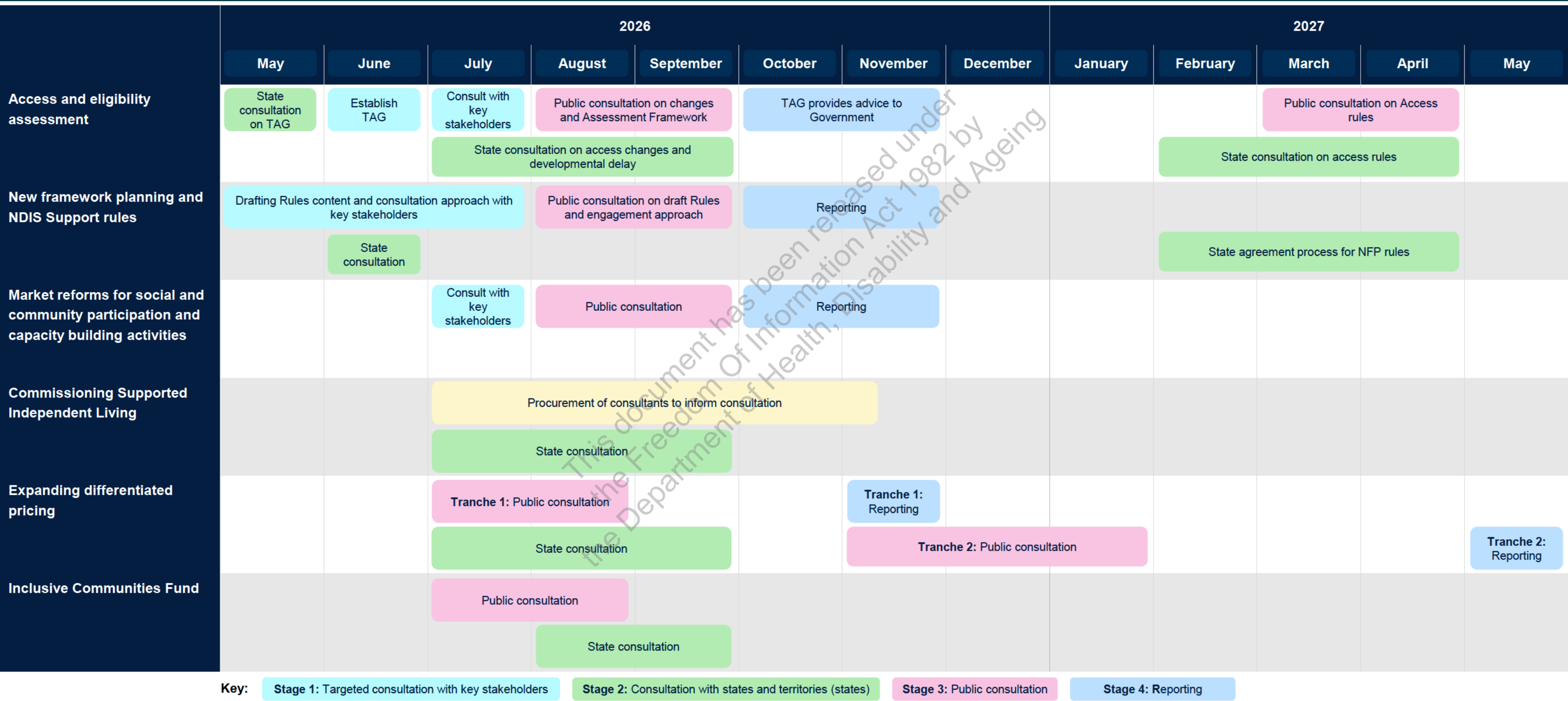
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Stakeholder key:

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National Disability Insurance Agency

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Technical Advisory Group

NDIS Reform Advisory Committee

NDIS Commission

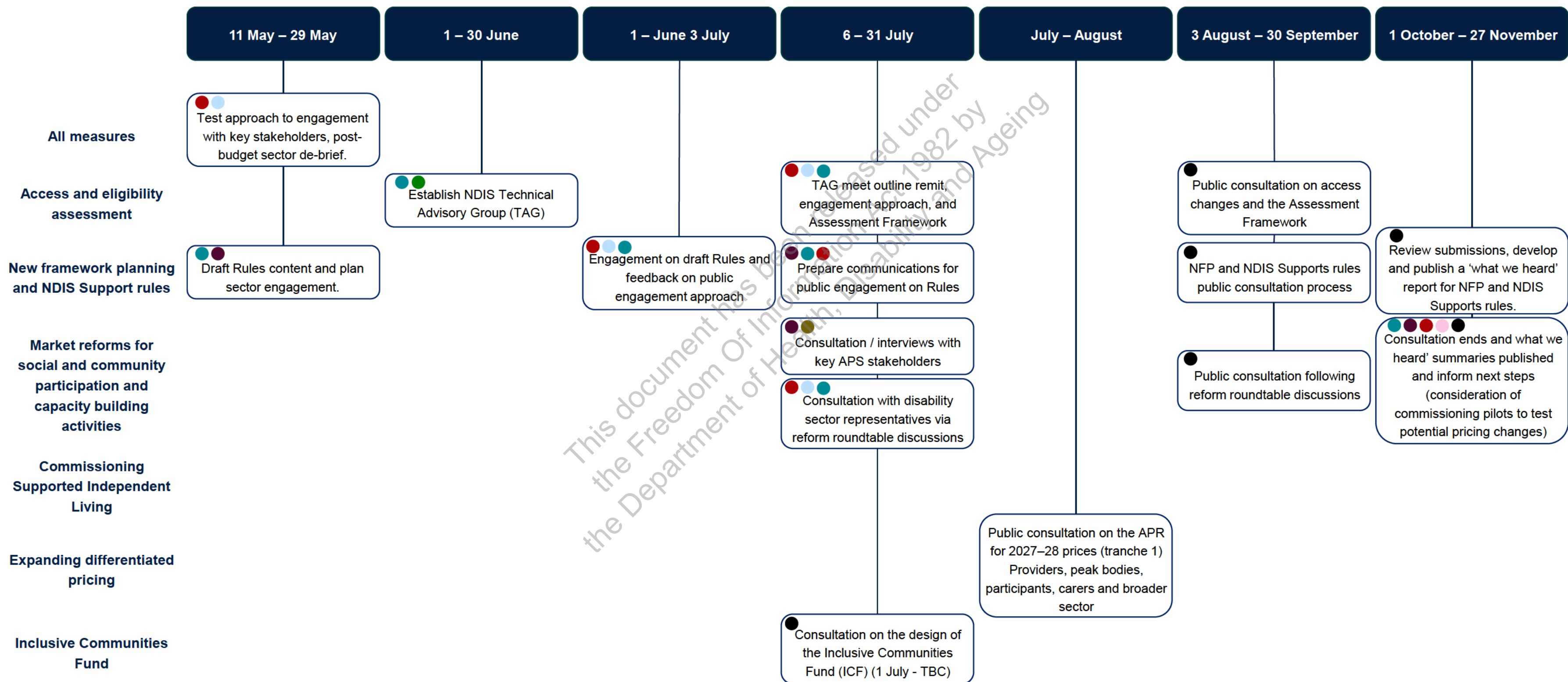
Peak providers

Public

Ministers

Participants and carers

Broader sector





Consultation and engagement timeline

Stakeholder
key:

All stakeholders
and public

Disability Senior
Officials Group

Disability
Representative
Organisations

National Disability
Insurance Agency

Department of
Health, Disability
and Ageing

Technical
Advisory Group

NDIS Reform
Advisory
Committee

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Commission

Peak bodies /
Providers

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Participants and
carers

Broader sector

November 2026

November 2026 – January
2027

1 March – 30 April 2027

April 2027

May 2027

1 July 2027

Access and eligibility
assessment

● Access rules public
consultation process

Expanding differentiated
pricing

● ● ●
Public consultation on the SIL
Pricing Review and Therapy
Pricing Review (tranche 2)

● ● ●
Publication of the APR report
and pricing advice

● ● ●
Implementation of the APR for
the 2027–28 prices

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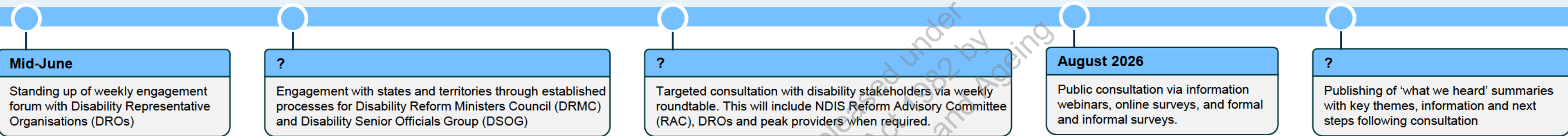
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Access and eligibility assessment			Engagement with key stakeholders	Public consultation (also to take place in 2027)				
New framework planning and NDIS Support rules	Engagement with key stakeholders			Public consultation		Reporting		
Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities			Engagement with key stakeholders	Public consultation		Reporting		
Commissioning Supported Independent Living				Procurement of consultants to inform consultation				
Expanding differentiated pricing			Tranche 1: Public consultation				Tranche 1: Reporting	Tranche 2: Public consultation
Inclusive Communities Fund			Public consultation					

Key stakeholders = Disability Representative Organisations, Disability Reform Ministers Council and Disability Senior Officials Group

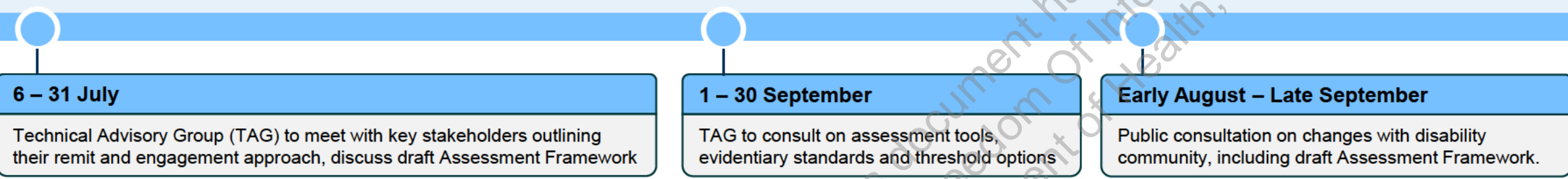


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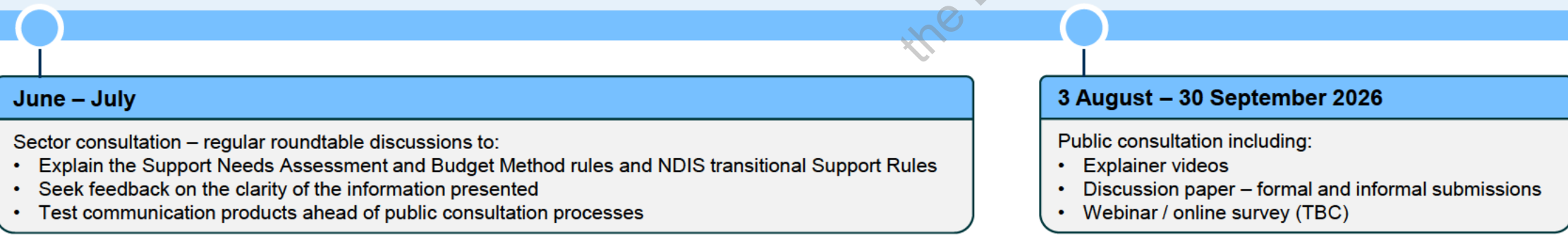
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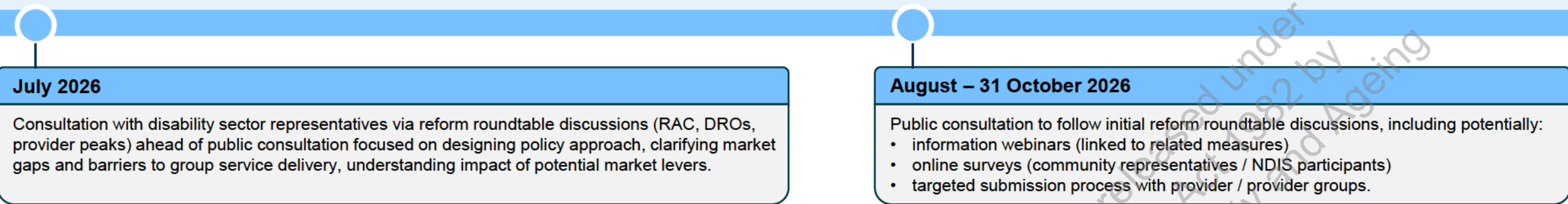
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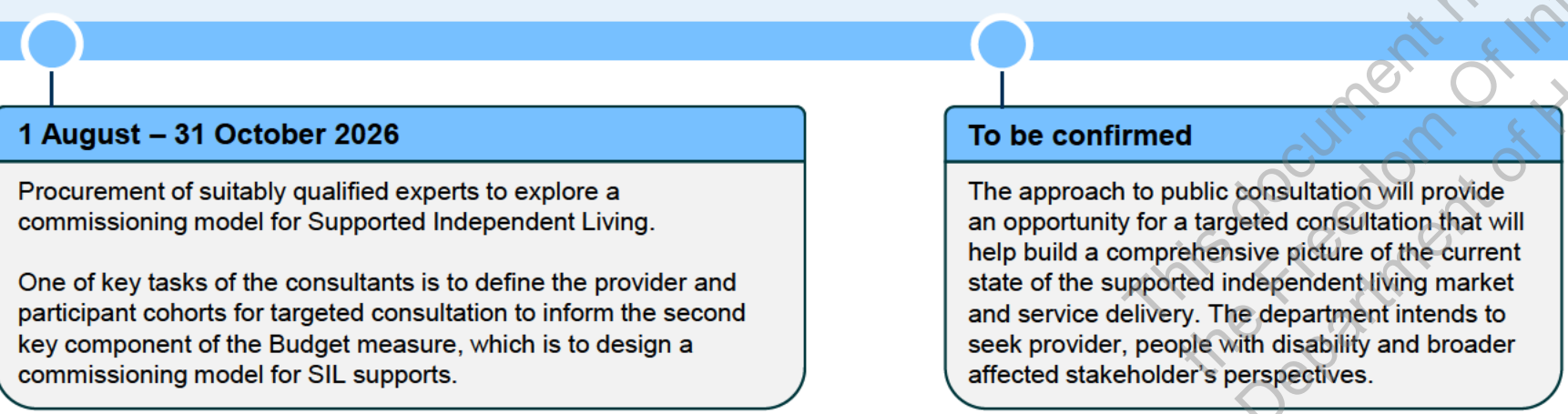


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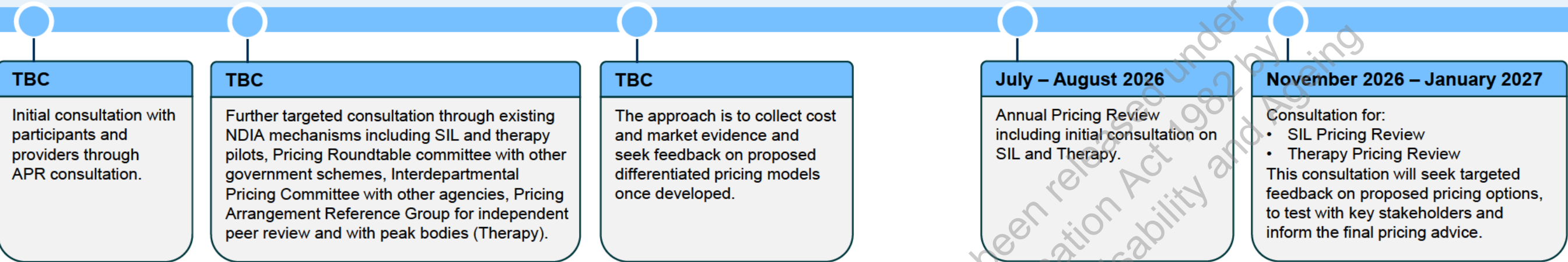
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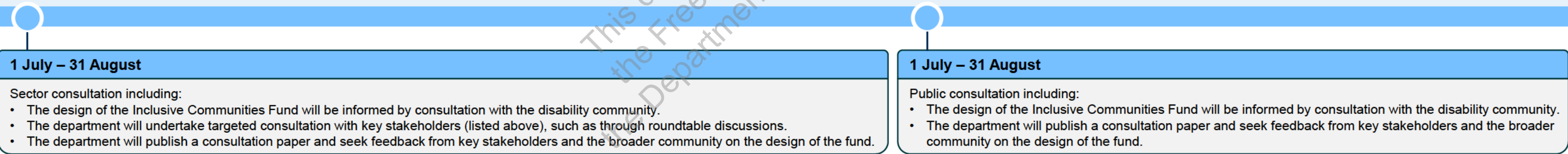
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Timeframes are based on individual pilots and committee cadence - And is dependent to legislation changes which impact timing of overall delivery of this APR and the reviews.

Inclusive Communities Fund



Senate Committee: Community Affairs

Budget Estimates 2026-2027

Outcome: 4 - Disability and Carers

NDIS Reform - Consultation and Engagement

KEY POINTS

- The Department of Health Disability and Ageing (the department) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) continue to work closely with people with disability representative organisations and states and territories in designing the implementation of NDIS reforms, which includes new framework planning.

New framework planning

- In February and March 2026, the department held a public consultation process on new framework planning. The department heard ~~and found~~ that the community wanted more information and that this consultation did not meet their expectations.
- To make sure these changes were not rushed and people had time to provide feedback, the Government announced the rollout of new framework planning has been delayed to April 2027. This will allow more time to share the detailed information about the proposed rules and the participant journey in the rollout of the new way of planning.
- The department will continue to work with states and territories and the disability community in developing new framework planning rules. A further public consultation process will be undertaken later this year (August to September 2026).

NDIS reforms

- The 2026-27 Budget included a suite of measures to reform the NDIS and address sustainability pressures.
- Legislation was introduced on 14 May 2026 and the Government has released an implementation timeline which explains when each of the proposed changes in the Bill will come into effect.
- Given the expedited timeframes to make these critical changes, there was not sufficient time for release of an Exposure Draft. However, key stakeholders in the disability community, and the states and territories were briefed on the legislation prior to introduction.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Who was briefed about the reforms ahead of the Bill being introduced?

- A range of key stakeholders across the disability sector and the states and territories were briefed on these reforms prior to introduction of legislation, including:
 - National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board
 - Council of Federal Financial Relations
 - Disability Minister Reform Council
 - Disability Representative Organisations
 - NDIS Independent Advisory Committee
 - NDIS Reform Advisory Committee Co-Chairs
 - Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council
 - Provider representatives

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Division:	Disability and Carers Group NDIS Strategy and Policy			

What opportunities will there be for more meaningful engagement?

- There will be opportunities for meaningful engagement on a range of reforms, including
 - changes to eligibility assessment
 - the design of the Inclusive Communities Fund
 - new framework planning rules
 - home and living supports for Supported Independent Living participants.
- A Technical Advisory Group will be established to provide advice on appropriate thresholds and assessment approaches for substantially reduced functional capacity. The work of the TAG will be shaped by meaningful consultation with disability stakeholders including people with disability, the NDIS Reform Advisory Committee, DROs and states and territories. Consultation will run between August and September 2026.
- The Government is investing \$200 million in the Inclusive Communities Fund to rebuild capability in community organisations to house genuine participation activities. How this fund can best support organisations to deliver high quality participation activities will be designed in consultation with the disability community.

Timeframe	Community consultation
Early July – late August 2026	Inclusive Communities Fund Expanded differentiated pricing
Early July – late October 2026	Commissioning Supported Independent Living Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities
Early August – late September 2026	New framework planning rules Eligibility assessment based on functional capacity

Pre/post Budget stakeholder engagement

Engagement sequencing

Day	Key milestone	Notes
Fri 1 May	Health Ministers Meeting	s47C
Mon 4 May	Summary of fiscal impact of package and MEV (TBC)	
Tues 5 May	Roadmap and summary of Bill measures shared with states and DROs	
Wed 6 May	National Cabinet, 10am	
Thurs 7 May	Ministers Butler & McAllister meet with DROs	
Fri 8 May	Bill & modelling shared with states by end of day	
Mon 11 May		
Tues 12 May	Budget released	
Wed 13 May	Minister Butler speech to Australian Institute of Policy & Science	
	Legislation overview, roadmap and top-level FAQs published (+ accessible versions)	
	Impact Analysis published	
	New framework planning consultation report published	
Thurs 14 May	Bill introduced to Parliament	
	Minister Butler Second Reading Speech	
	NDIA Independent Advisory Council meeting	
	Provider peaks briefing	
	Departmental briefing of Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)	

Day	Key milestone	Notes
Fri 15 May	Disability Secretaries meeting (with NDIA Actuary)	s47C
Mon 18 May	DRO Forum	
	NDIA CEO and Providers Roundtable	
Tues 19 May		
Wed 20 May		
Thurs 21 May		
Fri 22 May	DRMC meeting	
	NDIS Reform Advisory Committee meeting	

Information to be shared and handling strategy

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Key pre-Budget engagements (revised)

Day	Key event	Lead	Taskforce role	Notes	
Mon 20/4	PMO bilaterals with First Ministers / MOs	MBO / PMO	Prepare PM letters to First Ministers and associated briefing material (inc. fiscal impacts).	s47C	
	Cabinet [Date TBC – Mon or Wed]	MBO	Prepare Cabinet Submission for lodgment.		
Tues 21/4	CFFR meeting (11.30 TBC) OR Combined central deputies	TSY	Provide TSY / PM&C on scheduling with briefing materials.		
	NDIS Board Chair (11am)	MBO	Liaise with SO to schedule meeting Ministers, Blair Comley, Graeme Head and s47F and prepare briefing materials.		
Wed 22/4 (AM) Wed					
	NDIA Board	Taskforce	Liaise with NDIA Board Secretariat on scheduling meeting with Board, Blair Comley and Graeme Head and prepare briefing material.		
National Press Club address (interpreter to be provided by DHDA)					
Wed 22/4 (PM)	Minister McAllister bilaterals with Disability Ministers	McAMO	Prepare briefing materials.		
	New framework planning delay comms go live	Taskforce / NDIA	Liaise with Erin Rule / Sarah Hawke on content and NDIA for publishing. Drafts to be provided to MO for clearance.		
	Initial communications to DHDA / NDIA staff / Commission staff	Taskforce / NDIA	Prepare materials (inc. script / Q&As for NDIA contact centre staff) and email copy for staff communications.		

Day	Key event	Lead	Taskforce role	Notes
Thurs 23/4	DRMC & Disability Secretaries (combined)	DRMC Secretariat	Liaise with DRMC Secretariat on scheduling and briefing materials.	s47C
Fri 24/4	FSG/HoTs Or Cross deputies group	PMC lead	Liaise with DRMC Secretariat on scheduling meeting and briefing materials.	
Post speech / pre-budget	Provide Exposure Draft of Winter Bill to states	Taskforce	Prepare and provide copy of draft Bill.	
Week commencing 4 May	MO targeted engagement with key stakeholders	MBO / Taskforce	Prepare standard talking points and Q&A document	
Budget release				
Wed 13 May (AM)	Further communications to NDIA / DHDA staff	Taskforce / NDIA	Prepare materials and email copy for staff communications, inc. updated NDIA contact centre script / Q&As.	
Post-Budget release	NDIS Reform Advisory Committee briefing	NDIS RAC Secretariat	Liaise with RAC Secretariat on scheduling and prepare briefing material.	
	NDIA Independent Advisory Council briefing	Taskforce	Liaise with IAC Secretariat on scheduling and prepare briefing material.	
	Disability Representative Organisation Forum	Systemic Advocacy Branch	Prepare briefing material	
	Provider Peak Forum	TBC	TBC – for discussion with Pricing & Workforce Branch	

Comms & engagement products overview

The following covers the full suite of proposed products for use in the pre/post Budget period. MO feedback is requested on this list.

#	Product	Comment
1	Overarching Budget factsheet, inc. case studies.	s47C
2	Reform web content. Includes: - Remove old content - Update NFP content - Add new content	This document has been released under the Freedom Of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
3	Accessible versions of overarching Budget fact sheet. - Plain English - Easy Read - Web readable - Auslan video	
4	Factsheets for impacts groups on key reforms - Participants (current vs prospective) - Families & carers - Providers - Workforce	
5	Implementation roadmap - Public facing version - S&T version	
6	New Framework Planning delay announcement: - NDIA statement (for publication post announcement) - DHDA web and channels as required. - Emails to DROs, DRCOs, IAC, RAC	
7	NDIA external communications - Call centre scripts - Comms to support staff - Newsletter content – e.g. Provider Newsletter, Participants First Newsletter	
8	Q&A documents: - Minister Q&A for pre-Budget - Minister Q&A for post-Budget - Public FAQs for post-Budget	
9	Facts & Figures	

#	Product	Comment
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10	Public-facing key messaging / standard words	This document has been released under the Freedom Of Information Act 1982 by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
11	Internal package for NDIA and DHDA staff explaining reforms	
12	Stakeholder kits– newsletter content, explainer video and social content to be used to communicate the change	
13	Key messaging to support engagements: - States: CFFR / First Ministers, HOTs, First Secretaries / Disability Secretaries, DRMC - Community: Disability Representative Organisations, Providers, Advisory groups (IAC/RAC), NDIA Board, Key individuals	
14	Standard briefing slide deck	

Stakeholder engagement approach

Key considerations

- MO suggested a half-day workshop with stakeholders to:
 - Test ideas: Use key experts as ‘critical friends’. Consideration will need to be given to the stage at which this happens and whether it is across all reform options or fewer large options.
 - Build buy-in: Brief key stakeholders ahead of Budget announcements to support communication of reforms.
- **DHDA recommends MO-led individual discussions with trusted stakeholders closer to Budget.**
 - There is not sufficient time to run an ideas testing workshop.
 - It will be difficult to have meaningful engagement in the short timeframes, which will raise sensitivities with stakeholders.
 - Proposals are all Cabinet-in-Confidence – a earlier workshop with larger numbers of participants risks options under consideration becoming public.
 - Political framing of sensitive reform options is best handled by the MO.
 - MO meetings could be staggered to do:
 - Some testing of ideas with trusted experts (aligned with Finance Minister’s proposal for an external reviewer)
 - Briefing of key stakeholders/advocates close to Budget to build buy-in

Identifying stakeholders

- **Experts vs advocates**: Depending on primary purpose will need to target different groups. There is only some overlap of the “experts” and “advocates”, e.g. s47F [REDACTED]
- **Advocates**: Suggest stakeholders the MO/DHDA have established relationships with given sensitivity of reforms, e.g. s47F [REDACTED].
- **Experts**: There are a range of academics/economists and former senior public servants who would be suitable for testing ideas with in-confidence.
- **Government advisory groups**: Will need to consider approach to engaging/briefing key government advisory groups, e.g. NDIS Reform Advisory Committee.
- **Providers**: Likely to emphasise reforms targeting price levers and may be disappointed if reforms do not address differentiated pricing. Providers will need to be engaged around SDA/SIL commissioning.

Indicative stakeholder list

This list will need to be further refined/expanded, based on purpose/format of engagement.

Name and Position	Organisation	Category	Rationale/Considerations
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NDIS reforms engagement strategy

May 2026

Purpose

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the department) is leading reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) announced in the 2026-27 Budget to protect it for future generations.

The Government has recently introduced the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 to give effect to these changes. It also announced several reforms which will be subject to further consultation before commencing.

This paper outlines the consultation approach for reforms the Government has committed to consulting on in 2026:

- Access and eligibility assessment based on functional capacity
- New framework planning and NDIS Supports rules
- Inclusive Communities Fund
- Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities
- Commissioning Supported Independent Living
- Expanding differentiated pricing

This paper does not outline the broader communications strategy for all reforms announced in the 2026-27 Budget or changes in the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill.

The department will work in partnership with state and territory governments and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). We will also consult with key stakeholders from the disability sector, people with disability, their families, carers and supporters.

Using the model of engagement from the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), the department will focus engagement activities on inform and consult sections of the [IAP2 spectrum](#).

Process

The department's engagement strategy will structure activities to cover the reforms outlined in the Bill. It has been designed to ensure breadth, depth, reach, accessibility and understanding of complex reform topics. It will combine targeted engagement opportunities and broad consultation, emphasise accessibility and capture the voice of lived experience.

Consultation stages

The proposed approach comprises:

1. Consultation with states and territories
2. Targeted consultation with the disability sector
3. Public consultation
4. Reporting and accountability

Stage 1: Consultation with states and territories

The department will consult with states and territories through Disability Reform Ministers Council (DRMC) and [officials forums such as](#) Disability Senior Officials Group (DSOG). This will include briefing on policy substance and the proposed consultation and engagement approach.

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A series of dedicated DSOG sessions on each topic will be held to brief state officials on proposed policy and concepts, provide read outs of feedback from the sector and discuss the approach to public consultation.

This engagement will be managed by the NDIS Strategy and Governance Branch through usual DRMC and DSOG mechanisms. Lead policy areas will be responsible for preparing material and leading discussions.

Stage 2: Targeted consultation with the disability sector

The department will facilitate weekly roundtable discussions with key sector stakeholders.

These roundtable discussions will be used to inform and consult stakeholders on proposed policy and concepts and seek feedback on key reforms. The approach to public consultation and communication will also be tested through these roundtables.

Disability sector representation will include:

- NDIS Reform Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (RAC)
- Disability Representative Organisations (DROs)
- Other key stakeholders, such as provider peaks when required

Reform roundtable discussions to be delivered across June and July 2026, ahead of any public consultation processes. Each roundtable will focus on a different topic.

Roundtables will be managed by the NDIS Policy, Legislation & Engagement Branch, with support from the NDIS Sustainability Taskforce. Lead policy areas will prepare content for and facilitate sessions on their topics.

Stage 3: Public consultation

The department will undertake broad public consultation processes from August/July 2026. Public consultation will encompass an overarching narrative to demonstrate the different components of reforms, how they relate and the detail of each component.

Public consultation may include:

- information webinars
- online surveys
- formal and informal submissions

Accessible formats to support participation will include Auslan and Easy Read versions of documents, and multiple entry points to reach quieter or excluded voices including ability to send an email or request a callback.

The public consultation process will be managed by the [Reform Program Office], with support from the NDIS Sustainability Taskforce and NDIS Policy, Legislation & Engagement Branch. Lead policy areas will provide input to content and framing of public consultation.

Stage 4: Reporting and accountability

Following consultation activities the department will publish 'what we heard' summaries. This will cover key themes from sector and public consultation and next steps on reform implementation.

The NDIS Sustainability Taskforce will coordinate development of summaries in consistent formats for publication. Lead policy areas will lead analysis of consultation outputs to input to summaries.

Informing stakeholders

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The department will inform the disability community of engagement opportunities via the department website and sector communication channels, working closely with state and territory governments and DROs as trusted voices in their communities.

The NDIA will promote all opportunities to provide feedback and take part in consultation activities through their communications and engagement channels.

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Consultation approach

Policy areas to provide input below, with consideration to how activities fit into the phased process outlined above. This will be used to prepare a coherent, coordinated plan across all areas of consultation to avoid duplication for stakeholders and the department.

Access and eligibility assessment

Lead branch	NDIS Policy, Legislation & Engagement Branch
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F Sarah Hawke
Short reform description	Access to the NDIS will be updated through the introduction of new legislation. A NDIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be established to provide advice on an appropriate threshold and assessments for substantially reduced functional capacity. The TAG will bring together a range of experts to provide independent, evidence-based advice to assess substantially reduced functional capacity for NDIS access which reflects the diverse experiences of people with disability. Alongside this work will be revision of the current eligibility reassessment process to ensure it aligns with legislative changes and operational practice for ongoing NDIS access.
Key stakeholders	DSOG, RAC, DRO's, other key stakeholders (TBC)
Sector consultation approach & timeframes	6-13/15 July – TAG to meet with key stakeholders, outlining their remit and engagement approach, discuss draft Assessment Framework 1-30 September – TAG to consult on assessment tools, evidentiary standards and threshold options
Public consultation approach & timeframes	15 July – 19 Early August – late September - Public consultation on changes with disability community, including draft Assessment Framework.

New framework planning rules and NDIS Supports

Lead branch	NDIS Policy, Legislation & Engagement Branch
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F Sarah Hawke
Short reform description	New framework planning will deliver more equitable and consistent participant budgets by introducing a support needs assessment process and budget method outlined in new NDIS rules. The NDIS Supports transitional rule will also be updated to support all participants, on old and new framework plans, to spend in accordance with their reasonable and necessary budget in their plan. The rules will explain: - how a participant's disability support needs are assessed - how reasonable and necessary budgets are worked out - how a participant can use their NDIS budget to purchase NDIS supports
Key stakeholders	DSOG, RAC, DRO's, DRCO's

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Sector consultation approach & timeframes	• <u>June and July, regular roundtable discussions to:</u> ◦ <u>Explain the Support Needs Assessment and Budget Method rules and NDIS transitional Support Rule</u> ◦ <u>Seek feedback on the clarity of the information presented</u> ◦ <u>Test communication products ahead of public consultation processes</u>
Public consultation approach & timeframes	• <u>Open from 3 August to 30 September 2026</u> ◦ <u>Explainer videos</u> ◦ <u>Discussion paper – formal and informal submissions</u> ◦ <u>Webinar / online survey (TBC)</u>

Inclusive Communities Fund

Lead branch	NDIS Strategy & Governance Branch
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F
Short reform description	The \$200 million Inclusive Communities Fund will uplift the capacity of community organisations to deliver group-based social and community participation activities for NDIS participants.
Key stakeholders	Mainstream and disability community-based organisations, Disability Representative Organisations, provider peak bodies. Advice will also be sought from state and territory officials via the Disability Senior Officials' Group <u>and other officials forums</u>.
Sector consultation approach & timeframes	1 July to 31 August The design of the Inclusive Communities Fund will be informed by consultation with the disability community. The department will undertake targeted consultation with key stakeholders (listed above), such as through roundtable discussions. The department will publish a consultation paper and seek feedback from key stakeholders and the broader community on the design of the fund.
Public consultation approach & timeframes	1 July to 31 August The design of the Inclusive Communities Fund will be informed by consultation with the disability community. The department will publish a consultation paper and seek feedback from key stakeholders and the broader community on the design of the fund.

Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities

Lead branch	NDIS Strategy and Governance Branch
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F <u>.NDIA</u>
Short reform description	Consultation and design work on reforms to participant supports for Social and Community Participation and Capacity Building, which could include pricing options to encourage the market in group activities and commissioning.

Key stakeholders	NDIA, NDIS Commission, provider networks, disability community representative organisations, NDIA CEO / provider forums on options for market reform.
Sector consultation approach & timeframes	July 2026 Consultation with disability sector representatives via reform roundtable discussions (RAC, DROs, provider peaks) July 2026, ahead of public consultation focused on designing policy approach, clarifying market gaps and barriers to group service delivery, understanding impact of potential market levers.
Public consultation approach & timeframes	<u>July/August to 31 October 2026</u> Public consultation to follow initial reform roundtable discussions, including potentially: - information webinars (linked to related measures) - online surveys (community representatives / NDIS participants) - targeted submission process with provider / provider groups. Increase understanding of current arrangements and barriers for participants to accessing group SCCP and CBDA supports, inform and seek views from community about proposed changes (ensure alignment of scope, impact and options of all SCCP-related reforms).

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Supported Independent Living

Lead branch	Quality & Safeguards Policy Branch
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F (A/ASBM)
Short reform description	Consultation and design of a commissioning approach for home and living supports for Supported Independent Living (SIL) to address market inefficiencies, achieve provider financial viability and improved outcomes for SIL participants.
Key stakeholders	Selected SIL providers, participants, representative bodies for providers and participants and carers, state and territory governments.
Sector consultation approach & timeframes	1 August to 31 October 2026 The department is in the process of procuring suitably qualified experts to deliver the project. They are expected to be engaged from July 2026. One of the two key tasks of the consultants is to define the provider and participant cohorts for targeted consultation to inform the second key component of the Budget measure, which is to design a commissioning model for SIL supports.
Public consultation approach & timeframes	<u>The exact dates are to be finalised (estimated from July 2026) but it is expected that our approach to public consultation will provide an opportunity for a targeted consultation that will help build a comprehensive picture of the current state of the supported independent living market and service delivery. We intend to seek provider, people with disability and broader affected stakeholder's perspectives. is not expected at this stage.</u>

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Differentiated pricing

Lead branch	Markets & Workforce Branch NDIA - Economics and Pricing
Key contact	s47E(c), s47F, Acting Branch Manager (NDIA) Alexander Abel, Assistant Secretary (DHDA)

Short reform description	- Continue to progress price differentiation including consideration of participant complexity and provider capability, focussed on Therapy and SIL markets. - Price differentiation will align with regulatory reform including mandatory registration for higher risk supports from 1 July 2027. - The development of differentiated pricing will be informed by the Annual Pricing Review (APR), Therapy Pricing Review and Supported Independent Living (SIL) Pricing Review. The Agency also plans to review the DSW cost model as part of this years APR.						
Key stakeholders	- DHDA - NDIA - NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission - Central agencies - Providers and peak bodies - Participants and carers						
Sector consultation approach & timeframes	- Initial consultation with participants and providers through APR consultation. - Further targeted consultation through existing NDIA mechanisms including SIL and therapy pilots, Pricing Roundtable committee with other government schemes, Interdepartmental Pricing Committee with other agencies, Pricing Arrangement Reference Group for independent peer review and with peak bodies (Therapy). - The approach is to collect cost and market evidence and seek feedback on proposed differentiated pricing models once developed. Timeframes are based on individual pilots and committee cadence - And is dependent to legislation changes which impact timing of overall delivery of this APR and the reviews.						
Public consultation approach & timeframes	- It is proposed that the consultations be delivered in two tranches, balancing the need to inform budgetary processes through the Expenditure Review Committee and the longer timeframes for the SIL Pricing Review and Therapy Pricing Review. - This approach enables SIL and Therapy pilots to conclude, with findings informing the respective reviews. - These consultations will capture targeted feedback on proposed design elements and implementation approaches. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Public consultation scope</th><th>Timeframes</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>APR for 2027-28 prices including initial consultation on SIL and Therapy</td><td>July to August 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td> Consultation for: - SIL Pricing Review - Therapy Pricing Review This consultation will seek targeted feedback on proposed pricing options, to test with key stakeholders and inform the final pricing advice. </td><td>November 2026 to January 2027</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Public consultation scope	Timeframes	APR for 2027-28 prices including initial consultation on SIL and Therapy	July to August 2026	Consultation for: - SIL Pricing Review - Therapy Pricing Review This consultation will seek targeted feedback on proposed pricing options, to test with key stakeholders and inform the final pricing advice.	November 2026 to January 2027
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Schedule

Policy areas to provide input below. Please add rows and fill out all columns.

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Time	Relevant reform	Activity	Audience
11 May – 29 May	NFP	Draft Rules content and plan sector engagement.	DSOG, NDIA
	All	Test approach to engagement with key stakeholders, post-budget sector de-brief.	RAC Co-Chairs, select DRO's
1 – 30 June	Access	Establish NDIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG)	DSOG, TAG
1 June – 3 July	NFP	Engagement on draft Rules and feedback on public engagement approach	DSOG, RAC, DRO's, other key stakeholders
6 – 31 July	Access	~~Introduce TAG and draft public consultation process to key stakeholders, TAG meet with key stakeholders, outlining remit, engagement approach, and Assessment Framework~~	~~DSOG, NDIA, RAC Co-Chairs, DRO's, DSOG, RAC, DRO's, other key stakeholders~~
	Inclusive Communities Fund	Consultation on the design of the Inclusive Communities Fund (ICF) (timing from 1 July - TBC)	All stakeholders and public
	NFP	Prepare comms for public engagement on Rules	DSOG, NDIA, RAC
	Market reforms	Consultation / interviews with key APS stakeholders	NDIA / NDIS Commission
		Consultation with disability sector representatives via reform roundtable discussions	DSOG, RAC, DROs, provider peaks / forums
<u>July to August</u>	<u>Differentiated Pricing</u>	<u>Public consultation on the APR for 2027–28 prices (tranche 1) Providers, peak bodies, participants, carers and broader sector</u>	
3 August – 30 September	Access	<u>Access Framework public consultation process</u> <u>Public consultation on access changes and the Assessment Framework</u>	All stakeholders and public
	Market reforms	Public consultation following reform roundtable discussions	All stakeholders and public

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	NFP	NFP and NDIS Supports rules public consultation process	All stakeholders and public
1 October – 27 November	Access	Advice provided to government on Access changes	TAG
	Market reforms	Consultation ends and what we heard' summaries published and inform next steps (i.e. consideration of commissioning pilots to test potential pricing changes)	All stakeholders and public DSOG, NDIA, RAC, DHDA
	NFP	Review submissions, develop and publish a 'what we heard' report for NFP and NDIS Supports rules.	All stakeholders and public
<u>November 2026</u>	s47C		
<u>November 2026 – January 2027</u>	<u>Differentiated Pricing</u>	<u>Public consultation on the SIL Pricing Review and Therapy Pricing Review (tranche 2)</u>	<u>SIL and therapy Providers, peak bodies, participants, carers and broader sector</u>
1 March – 30 April 2027	Access	Access rules public consultation process	All stakeholders and public
<u>April 2027</u>	s47C		
<u>May 2027</u>	<u>Differentiated Pricing</u>	<u>Publication of the APR report and pricing advice</u>	<u>Providers, peak bodies, participants, carers and broader sector</u>
<u>1 July 2027</u>	<u>Differentiated Pricing</u>	<u>Implementation of the APR for the 2027–28 prices</u>	<u>Providers, peak bodies, participants, carers and broader sector</u>

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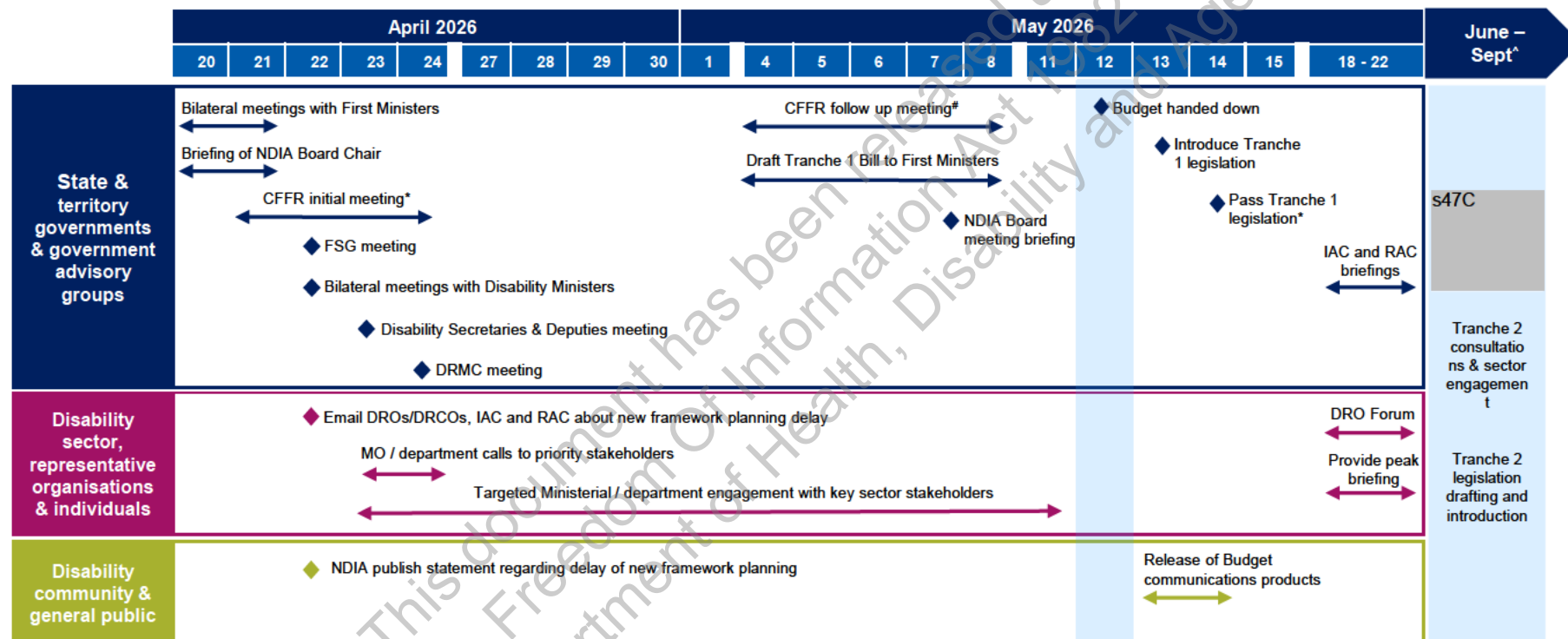
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Securing a sustainable NDIS

Draft Budget 2026-27 engagement and communications strategy

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Budget engagement and communications timeframes



DROs: Disability Representative Organisations
 DRCOs: Disability Representative & Carers Organisations
 IAC: NDIA Independent Advisory Council
 RAC: NDIS Reform Advisory Council

* CFRR meetings not currently scheduled – to be settled with Treasurer's Office.
 # If Tranche 1 Bill is referred to Parliamentary Committee next opportunity to pass will be June sitting period
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Targeted approaches are required to engage key stakeholders

Category	Key Stakeholders*	Equities	Key messaging	Engagement approach
State and territory governments, Commonwealth Government	s47C		- The NDIS is a shared fiscal responsibility. All jurisdictions have a vested interest in moderating Scheme growth to take pressure off budgets. - Budget measures are focused on addressing immediate pressures in the Scheme by pulling levers to address plan inflation, support volumes and fraud. - Further difficult decisions will be required on who the NDIS is for and what supports it should provide. - We are committed to consulting with states and territories on the next tranche of reforms.	- Pre-22/4 Bilaterals with First Ministers / MOs - Pre-22/4 briefings – First Secretaries & CFFR (subject to availability and agreement by Treasurer's office) - Post-22/4 briefings to Disability Secretaries, DRMC and CFFR - Provide draft Bill pre-Budget - Post-Budget meetings on longer term reform process
Government advisory groups			- The NDIS is one of Australia's most important social reforms and plays a critical role in supporting people with the most significant and permanent disabilities. - Since the release of the 2023 NDIS Review government has undertaken an ambitious reform agenda to make the NDIS fairer and more consistent and address sustainability challenges. - However, the Scheme continues to grow unsustainably, and we now need to go further to secure the Scheme for future generations. - Budget measures are focused on addressing immediate pressures in the Scheme by pulling levers to address plan inflation, support volumes and fraud. Further reforms will also need to look at access. - This will have significant impacts for the community, sector and NDIA. We are committed to engaging with the community on longer term reforms and will look to you for guidance as we design and implement these reforms.	- Pre-22/4 briefing of NDIA Board Chair only. - Post 22/4 email to IAC and RAC regarding delay of new framework planning - Post 22/4 targeted engagement through MO / department calls - Post 22/4 NDIA Board meeting - Post-Budget briefings at advisory group meetings on longer term reform process

*Stakeholders listed are indicative and not exhaustive

Targeted approaches are required to engage key stakeholders

Category	Key stakeholders*	Equities	Key messaging	Engagement approach
Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	S47C		- The NDIS is one of Australia's most important social reforms and plays a critical role in supporting people with the most significant and permanent disabilities. - We remain committed to securing the NDIS – both for current and future participants. - Since the release of the 2023 NDIS Review government has undertaken an ambitious reform agenda to make the NDIS fairer and more consistent and address sustainability challenges. We have appreciated the sector's collaboration with us on this reform journey. - However, the Scheme continues to grow unsustainably. We now need to go further to ensure it can continue to support people for generations to come and ensure equity with other support systems. - Measures introduced at Budget are the first steps to broader reforms, including to access. - We know this will have significant impacts for the community. - We are committed to engaging with the community and working with you to consult on the next tranche of reforms. <u>DROs only</u>: Top-up funding will assist DROs to continue their critical work in engaging with the community and advising government. <u>New framework planning</u>: Following recent public consultation, we have heard calls to delay commencement, to allow more time to engage with the detail of the new assessment process. Delaying commencement to April 2027 will help build confidence through further consultation, validation and refining the approach.	- Post 22/4 email regarding delay of new framework planning - Post 22/4 targeted engagement through MO / department calls to some key individuals - Post-Budget DRO Forums, Q&A sessions on new framework planning delay, Budget repair package and longer-term reform consultation - Post-Budget emails / sector newsletters

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Targeted approaches are required to engage key stakeholders

Category	Key stakeholders*	Equities	Key messaging	Engagement approach
Disability sector	s47C		- The NDIS is one of Australia's most important social reforms and plays a critical role in supporting people with the most significant and permanent disabilities - Providers and workers are an integral to delivering the quality supports NDIS participants need. - These reforms are designed to deliver a well-regulated Scheme that rewards quality providers while stamping out opportunities for fraud. - Pricing reforms are designed to reflect the different costs faced by registered and unregistered providers. - We're also commencing consultation work to address viability pressures in the SIL market through a funding model that reflects the realities of delivering group-based 24/7 support. This would have flow-on benefits to workers, enabling providers to offer more certain rosters and increase job security.	- Post 22/4 targeted engagement through MO / department calls to some key individuals - Post Budget sector forums / briefings and sector newsletter communications on impacts of immediate reforms and approach to longer term reform consultation - Post-Budget provider FAQs published

*Stakeholders listed are indicative and not exhaustive

Targeted approaches are required to engage key stakeholders

Category	Key stakeholders	Equities	Key messaging	Engagement approach
Disability community, general public	s47C		- The NDIS is one of Australia's most important social reforms and plays a critical role in supporting people with the most significant and permanent disabilities. - We remain committed to securing the NDIS – both for current and future participants. This is why we need to ensure it is there for generations to come. - By moderating growth, we can invest in improved services outside the NDIS and ensuring all Australians have access to the support they need – whether that is in the NDIS, aged care or health system. - The growth target for the NDIS is about how the government manages the Scheme overall, not your individual plan. Your plan will continue to be based on your specific support needs. - These reforms will help us target fraud and waste and put downward pressure on prices to ensure every dollar spent on the NDIS goes to supporting people with disability. - However, there will be changes to plan budgets and access to help manage the long-term sustainability of the Scheme. These changes will not impact the people the NDIS was intended to support – those with permanent and significant disability. - We are committed to consulting on further reforms to the Scheme. <u>New framework planning</u>: Following recent public consultation, we have heard calls to delay commencement, to allow more time to engage with the detail of the new assessment process. Delaying commencement to April 2027 will help build confidence through further consultation, validation and refining the approach.	- Post-22/4 NDIA website statement on delay of new framework planning - Post-Budget national communications and engagement, inc. media release, website articles, participant FAQs, social media, Budget at a glance (Easy Read, Auslan video, plain language summary and explainer video)

Communication and Engagement Strategy – as of 21 April

Date	Events
Wednesday 22.04.2026	AM - Briefing of the NDIA Board. National Press Club Address PM - Ministerial media release and factsheet published. - Communications to key stakeholders Disability Representative Organisations (DROs), NDIS Reform Advisory Committee, and NDIS Independent Advisory Council. - Briefing of state and territory Disability Ministers.
Thursday 23.04.2026	- Minister Butler and Minister McAllister / offices meet with: - DROs - NDIS Reform Advisory Committee Co-Chairs - Chair of Australia's Disability Advisory Council.
Friday 24.04.2026	Combined Deputy Heads of Treasuries (DHoTs) and First Deputies Group (FDG) meeting
w/c Monday 27.04.2026	Further targeted engagement between key stakeholders and Ministers' Offices.
Friday 08.05.2026	Copy of legislation for package of priority measures provided to states and territories.
Tuesday 12.05.2026	Release of Budget 2026-27
Wednesday 13.05.2026	Introduction of legislation
w/c Monday 18.05.2026	- Briefings with: - NDIS Reform Advisory Committee. - NDIS Independent Advisory Council. - DRO Forum. - Providers & Chief Executives.

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Ministerial Information Request**MB26-001247****Version (1)****Date sent to MO: 19 May 2026****To: Minister McAllister****Cc: Minister Butler****Subject/Issue: **URGENT 2 BUSINESS DAYS** | MIR - DRO Forum Questions**

Comments:			
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Clearance Officer:	Suzanne Muir	Acting First Assistant Secretary Disability Strategy, Supports & Inclusion	Ph: (02) 5132 s47E(c), s47F Mobile: s47E(c), s47F

Response:

- This brief summarises key issues and questions raised at the forum with Disability Representative Organisations (DROs) funded under the DRO Program, Co-Chairs of the NDIS Reform Advisory Committee, and the Chair of Australia's Disability Strategy Advisory Council (see **Attachment A** for full list of attendees).
- A full list of questions asked, both verbally (via transcript) and via the MS Teams Chat, are captured at **Attachment B**.

Key Points:**Access and Eligibility**

- Concerns raised about the proposed definition of "functional capacity", particularly the exclusion of environmental and personal circumstances.
- Questions asked about how the access test will apply to children and young people, including expectations on families and the impact/consideration of multiple disabilities.
- Seeking clarity on permanence criteria and what constitutes 'appropriate treatment', including medication and surgery.
- Uncertainty was raised about how genetic or congenital conditions will be treated under permanence requirements.
- Questions asked about how affordability and access barriers to treatment will be considered in access decisions.

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Planning, Supports and Funding

- Concerns raised about the use of ministerial powers to reduce support categories (e.g. social/community participation and capacity building).
- Questions asked about safeguards, independent oversight, and appeal rights for support determinations.
- Concerns raised that reductions to social and community participation may impact safety, wellbeing and inclusion.
- Question on how core supports may be indirectly affected due to flexibility in funding use.
- Issues raised around plan renewals, including removal of unspent funds and potential unintended spending behaviours.

Safety and Safeguarding

- Concerns that safety has been defined too narrowly (focused on clinical/personal care rather than community participation and inclusion).
- Requests to better consider evidence linking social participation to safety outcomes.
- Questions about how real-time impacts will be monitored and how unintended harm will be identified and addressed.

Foundational Supports

- Strong interest in timing and consultation on the \$6 billion foundational supports package.
- Questions about alignment between tighter NDIS eligibility and rollout of foundational supports.
- Concerns about equity and consistency of supports across states and territories.
- Interest in opportunities for DROs to contribute to design and prioritisation.

Technical Advisory Group and Assessments

- Questions about composition of the Technical Advisory Group, including representation of people with lived experience.
- Concerns about over-reliance on medical/clinical perspectives in assessment design.
- Questions about tools, methodologies, and thresholds for functional capacity assessment.
- Need for transparency including access to scoring, decision rules and comparator cohorts.
- Concerns about assessment reliability and distinguishing true capacity from supported functioning.

Registration, Market and Commission

- Clarification that current reforms focus on high-risk provider registration rather than a full risk-based model.
- Questions about impacts on self-directed participants and 'services for one'.
- Interest in resourcing and capacity of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission to deliver reforms effectively.

Implementation and Reform Process

- Requests for clearer timelines and sequencing of reforms.
- Strong preference for deeper, collaborative co-design approaches rather than standard consultation only.
- Interest in targeted engagement (e.g. roundtables) similar to other reform programs.
- Concerns about managing multiple concurrent reform streams and avoiding unintended consequences.

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- Questions about how the new framework will account for co-occurring conditions that do not independently meet access criteria.
- Concerns about maintaining a holistic approach to support needs despite legislative changes.

Consultations: The NDIS Sustainability Taskforce; NDIS Strategy and Policy Division; Carers, Autism, Markets and Safeguards Division; and NDIS Legislation, Policy and Engagement Branch participated in the Forum to provide direct responses to attendees present. Divisions present have been provided with a copy of this brief to support NDIS reform considerations

Attachments:

- A. Attendee List – DRO Forum (online) – 18 May 2026
- B. Questions from Attendees

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Division/Branch	Disability and Carers Group Disability Strategy Supports and Inclusion
Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Not Applicable
Ensuring connected products across the Portfolio	Have disability/NDIS linkages been considered and outlined as relevant? YES ☒ NO ☐ N/A ☐ Have aged care linkages been considered and outlined as relevant YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☒

Adviser/DLO comments:	Returned to Dept for: REDRAFT ☐ NFA ☐
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From: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce
Sent: Wednesday, 13 May 2026 6:12 PM
To: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce
Subject: RE: In Confidence: Securing the NDIS for future generations
Attachments: NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 - Overview of measures - Updated 130526.pdf; NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 - Overview of measures - Updated 130526.docx; Securing the NDIS for future generations - Reform timeline - Updated 130526.pdf; Securing the NDIS for future generations - Reform timeline - Updated 130526.docx

Good evening DROs,

We apologise that there is a typo in the reform timeline and legislation overview provided to you on Friday 8 May. Please see attached an updated reform timeline and legislation overview.

The only change in these documents is to correct for a typo which indicated eligibility reassessments will occur over 2 years.

Eligibility reassessments for existing participants will happen progressively over 3 year (not 2 years) from 1 January 2028.

This is reflect in the publicly available timeline here: [Securing the NDIS for future generations timeline | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

Kind regards,

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NDIS Sustainability Taskforce

Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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 Location: Yaradhang
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From: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce
Sent: Tuesday, 12 May 2026 7:47 PM
To: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce [s47E\(d\)](#) @health.gov.au>
Subject: RE: In Confidence: Securing the NDIS for future generations

Good evening DROs,

Further to the materials provided last week, please note the reform timeline has now been published here: [Securing the NDIS for future generations timeline | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

Additional information on Budget 2026-27 can be found here: [Budget 2026-27 | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

Information relating to the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 will be published when the Bill is introduced to Parliament.

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From: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce

Sent: Friday, 8 May 2026 6:33 PM

To: NDIS Sustainability Taskforce s47E(d) @health.gov.au>

Subject: In Confidence: Securing the NDIS for future generations

Good evening DROs,

Please find attached Word and PDF copies of:

- An overview of the measures within the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026
- Embargoed reform timeline

The reform timeline will be released publicly following the 2026-27 Budget.

This information is provided on an 'In Confidence and Need to Know' basis. Information provided in this pack is confidential and must be maintained in the **strictest confidence**. It must not be disclosed to any other party for any other purpose.

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Key pre-Budget engagements (revised)

Day	Key event	Lead	Taskforce role	Notes
Mon 20/4	PMO bilaterals with First Ministers / MOs	MBO / PMO	Prepare PM letters to First Ministers and associated briefing material (inc. fiscal impacts).	s47C
	Cabinet [Date TBC – Mon or Wed]	MBO	Prepare Cabinet Submission for lodgment.	s47C
Tues 21/4	CFFR meeting (11.30 TBC)	TSY	Provide TSY / PM&C on scheduling with briefing materials.	
	OR Combined central deputies			
	NDIS Board Chair (11am)	MBO	Liaise with SO to schedule meeting Ministers, Blair Comley, Graeme Head and s47F and prepare briefing materials.	
National Press Club address (interpreter required – MBO to make request to DHDA)				
Wed AM	NDIA Board	Taskforce	Liaise with NDIA Board Secretariat on scheduling meeting with Board, Blair Comley and Graeme Head and prepare briefing material.	
Wed 22/4 (PM)	Minister McAllister bilaterals with Disability Ministers	McAMO	Prepare briefing materials.	
Wed 22/4 (PM)	Further engagements with sector (esp new framework planning delay comms) go live	Taskforce / NDIA	Liaise with Erin Rule / Sarah Hawke on content and NDIA for publishing.	

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Day	Key event	Lead	Taskforce role	Notes
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	Initial communications to DHDA / NDIA staff / Commission staff	Taskforce / NDIA	Prepare materials (inc. script / Q&As for NDIA contact centre staff) and email copy for staff communications.	
Thurs 23/4	DRMC & Disability Secretaries (combined)	DRMC Secretariat	Liaise with DRMC Secretariat on scheduling and briefing materials.	
Fri 24/4	FSG/HoTs Or Cross deputies group	PMC lead	Liaise with DRMC Secretariat on scheduling meeting and briefing materials.	
Post speech / pre-budget	Provide Exposure Draft of Winter Bill to states	Taskforce	Prepare and provide copy of draft Bill.	
Week commencing 4 May	MO targeted engagement with key stakeholders	MBO / Taskforce	Prepare standard talking points and Q&A document	
Budget release				
Wed 13 May (AM)	Further communications to NDIA / DHDA staff	Taskforce / NDIA	Prepare materials and email copy for staff communications, inc. updated NDIA contact centre script / Q&As.	s47C
Post-Budget release	NDIS Reform Advisory Committee briefing	NDIS RAC Secretariat	Liaise with RAC Secretariat on scheduling and prepare briefing material.	
	NDIA Independent Advisory Council briefing	Taskforce	Liaise with IAC Secretariat on scheduling and prepare briefing material.	
	Disability Representative Organisation Forum	Systemic Advocacy Branch	Prepare briefing material	

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Day	Key event	Lead	Taskforce role	Notes
	Provider Peak Forum	TBC	TBC – for discussion with Pricing & Workforce Branch	

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Organisation	Category	Category 2
Children and Young People with Disability Australia	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA)	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
Down Syndrome Australia	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
Inclusion Australia	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board	Government advisory groups	NDIA
National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP)	Disability sector	Independent body
NDIS Independent Advisory Council (IAC)	Government advisory groups	NDIA

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NDIS Provider Advisory Group	Government advisory groups	DHDA
NDIS Reform Advisory Committee (RAC)	Government advisory groups	DHDA
People with Disability Australia (PWDA)	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
s47F	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	Individual
Aruma	Disability sector	Service provider
NDIS Evidence Advisory Committee (EAC)	Government advisory groups	DHDA

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NDIS Industry Chief Executive Forum (ICE Forum)	Government advisory groups	NDIA
Ability First	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National peak
Alliance 20	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National advocacy
Australian Human Rights Commission	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	Independent body
Australian Services Union	External sectors	Union
Australias Disability Strategy (ADS) Advisory Council	Government advisory groups	DHDA

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Autism Alliance National	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National peak
Catholic Health Australia	External sectors	Service provider
Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia	External sectors	National advocacy
Dementia Australia	External sectors	National peak
s47F	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	Individual
First Peoples Disability Network	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO

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Grattan Institute	External sectors	Research
Health Services Union	External sectors	Union
I CAN Network	Disability sector	Service provider
National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National peak
National Disability Research Partnership (NDRP) Board	Government advisory groups	DHDA
National Disability Services	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National peak
s47F	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	Individual

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Summer Foundation	Disability sector	Advocacy
United Workers Union	External sectors	Union
Women With Disabilities Australia	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	DRO
Younger People in Nursing Homes National Alliance (YPINHNA)	Disability peaks, representative and advocacy organisations and key individuals	National advocacy

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Role/Interest	Key contact	Position
Peak organisation representing the rights and interests of children and young people with disability (aged 0-25) in Australia. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.	s47F	CEO
National representative body for a network of independent disability advocacy organisations in Australia. A member-based organisation, that supports a network of 80 community-based advocacy groups that work alongside people with disability to protect and promote their rights. Their role is to build capacity of the disability advocacy sector, ensuring it remains strong, effective, and sustainable. DHDA DRO program funded National Coordination Function. NDIA DRCO member. Consortium lead for Disability Dialogue.		CEO
The Down Syndrome Federation is made up of State and Territory associations providing support, information and resources to people with Down syndrome and their families across the country. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.		CEO
National peak body for intellectual disability. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.		CEO
Ensures the proper, efficient and effective performance of the Agency, and determines the objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the Agency.		Chair
Facilitates a collaborative and inclusive disability research program that builds evidence for successful policy and practice.		CEO
Advises the NDIA Board on the most important issues affecting participants, carers and families.		Principal Member

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Brings together Secretary, NDIA CEO, NDIS Commissioner and a small group of NDIS provider CEOs for in depth discussions on issues impacting the NDIS provider market.	s47F	
Provides independent advice from people with disability on implementing reforms to the NDIS.		Co-Chairs
Australia's peak rights and advocacy organisation by and for people with disability or who are d/Deaf. Sebastian Zagarella (Chief Executive Officer) on leave. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.		Acting CEO
Melbourne Disability Institute (former Co-Chair NDIS Independent Review Panel) Expert member of the National Disability Data Asset Council		Executive Chair and Director
Disability support provider		CEO
Provide evidence-based advice on the suitability of supports for NDIS funding.		Chair

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The ICE Forum is an opportunity for members to share information and for the NDIA to test policies, practices and processes to improve the NDIS and gather views and feedback on key issues. It is also one of the expert advisory groups to provide advice across co-design topics as part of the Australian Government reforms to the NDIS. ICE Forum membership includes the NDIA DCEO, senior NDIA staff and invited senior executives from industry bodies, professional associations and other strategic alliances with national reach.	s47F	
National body of leading disability service providers with member organisations in all states and territories.		CEO
Voice for people and disability service providers, advocating to improve the implementation of the NDIS, improve policy and shape practical solutions.		Executive General Manager
Human rights / discrimination complaints		Disability Discrimination Commissioner
The Australian Services Union works across disability services, social and community services, public transport, water, airlines, shipping, travel and IT to support works rights in the workplace.		National Secretary NSW & ACT Branch Secretary
Advisory council for ADS and Disability Sector at the Commonwealth level.		Chair

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National peak body furthering the rights and interests of Autistic people across the life span, their parents and carers, and the autism community in Australia. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.	s47F	Co-Chair
Catholic Healthcare is committed to serving all Australians through services, such as Retirement Communities to Home Care Services, wellness programs, and quality Residential Care. They provide essential support to vulnerable communities, including those facing hardship, isolation, or complex needs, ensuring that everyone has access to care and connection		Director of Aged and Community Care
Advocate for accessible services and communication for older Australians		CEO
Dementia Australia is the national peak body supporting people living with dementia, their families and carers. They advocate to government and in the community for positive change, support vital research and health workers providing essential care, and equip communities with tools and knowledge to make our society more dementia friendly.		CEO
Grattan Institute Influential disability policy voice		Disability Program Director, Grattan Institute
First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN) a national organisation of and for Australia's First Peoples with disability, their families and communities. Our organisation is governed by First Peoples with lived experience of disability. DHDA DRO program funded member. FPDN is a member of the DRO Forum and engages closely with their coalition colleagues regarding CtG priorities. The department has partnered with NIAA and FPDN, as the National Peak body for First Nations people with disability, since 2024 to consult on Options for a First Nations Disability Forum (DRC Rec 9.10). Various related recommendations.		CEO

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Produces public policy recommendations, including on disability and the NDIS. Note: s47F listed individually	s47F	CEO and Economic Prosperity and Democracy Program Director
The Health Services Union supports members working across the health and community services sectors across Australia, committed to workers rights protection, workplace activism to drive change, and support to assist members with work and family life.		National Secretary National President
Provider of autistic-led group mentoring programs, training and consultancy. Their school and online mentoring programs empower 6-22-year-old young people with an 'I CAN' attitude.		CEO
The establishment of the Centre is a response to the significant health disadvantage experienced by people with intellectual disability. The Centre supports the delivery of the Australian government's National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability. The Australian Government has provided the Centre \$22 million over four years from 2022-23.		CEO
Formulates the policy and general direction of the NDRP, and is responsible for achieving the NDRP objectives, stewardship and futures wellbeing of the NDRP.		Chair
Peak body for disability service providers		CEO
Senior Australian of the Year. Psychogeriatrician. Centre for healthy brain ageing (UNSW)		

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Invests in identifying, designing and scaling up great ideas that deliver better housing and living solutions for Australians with disability who need access to 24/7 support.	s47F	CEO, Founder and Executive Director
The United Workers Union supports workers in more than 45 industries such as health, aged care, education, and disability support. They provide supports for workers, training and workshops, legal support, to protect workers in their workplaces.		National President
Advocates for the rights of women, girls and gender-diverse people with disabilities through diverse projects and initiatives. DHDA DRO program funded member. NDIA DRCO member.		CEO
YPINHNA is a strong advocate for keeping younger people under 65 out of residential aged care. NDIA DRCO member.		National Director

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