Provider Advisory Group Meeting	
1. Chair's welcome	1. Chair
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4. SIL s47E(d)	
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Chair's notes

1. Chair's welcome

Welcome Graeme Head the new CEO of NDIA.

2. Previous minutes and action items

Minutes from the last meeting on 15 December were circulated with today's agenda.

Last meeting discussed SIL market and potential commissioning approaches. Feedback from the discussion was useful in informing briefings for the Minister.

3. Chair update

Since our last meeting you will have seen National Cabinet has agreed a deal on hospitals and disabilities.

On NDIS this includes:

- Commonwealth and states working together to target annual cost increases of 5 to 6 per cent
- $2 billion, matched by the states, to deliver thriving kids
- Thriving kids to commence 1 October 2026, with full implementation by 1 January 2028.

You will likely have seen commentary from Ministers and in the media that the Federal budget position is tight.

Capacity for further spending measures will be constrained, which encourages us as officials, in cooperation with stakeholders, to consider where we can improve efficiency or direct funding to priorities.

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There are some significant reforms agreed and set to commence this year

- Mandatory registration of SIL and platform providers – from 1 July 2026 – we will discuss in further detail in the next agenda item
- New framework planning - xxxxxxxx

Government is also proceeding with further legislative reforms to address concerns with safety, non-compliance and integrity in the NDIS and improve the quality and safety of NDIS supports and services for participants.

The NDIS Amendment (Integrity and Safeguarding) Bill 2025, was introduced into the Senate on the 26 November 2025.

The Bill has been referred to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry, with a report back date of 20 March 2026. – invite Ross and Louise to discuss

- Invite Graeme to outline priorities for the agency in 2026.

- Invite Louise to outline priorities for the Commission in 2026.

4. **SIL**

    a. **Commissioning**

    b. **Cost drivers**

    c. **Mandatory registration**

Slides discussed at last meeting (Attachment)

Department is discussing with Minister McAllister and Government.

NDIA is progressing the quality supports pilot with selected SIL providers to better understand the costs associated with delivering quality supports and services.

Note there are ongoing conversations about the best way to collect the required information.

Thank Aruma for the paper on SIL cost drivers and weightings, circulated with meeting papers (Attachment).

- Invite Martin Laverty to talk through the paper.

Questions for the group:

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5. Market sustainability

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Thank Ability First Australia for providing a Budget submission.

Points on market stewardship – direction and intention to consult

- As the Commonwealth continues to develop its approach to NDIS market stewardship, we will consult with relevant stakeholders, including through groups such as the Provider Advisory Group (PAG).
- Our aim is to strengthen how government and co-stewards work together to support a sustainable, high-quality provider market, and engagement with providers will play an important role as this work progresses.

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Provider Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

Objective

The Provider Advisory Group (PAG) aims to bring together a small group of providers with Government in a forum that is conducive to in-depth conversations on matters impacting the NDIS provider market. It provides an opportunity for both Government to test ideas in a confidential fashion, and for the market to provide insight and ask questions of Government. The group should establish a shared baseline of agreed data sets to enable focussed discussion on policy objectives.

The group is convened by the Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) who will chair the discussions. This group is not designed to replace existing consultation mechanisms which will continue to happen in parallel.

Members

Mr Blair Comley	Sponsor/Chair	Secretary	DHDA
s47F	Member	CEO	Ability First Australia
s47F	Member	CEO	Northcott
s47F	Member	CEO	Life Without Barriers
s47F	Member	CEO	Aruma
s47F	Member	CEO	Yooralla
Scott McNaughton	Member	A/CEO	National Disability Insurance Agency
Louise Granville	Member	Commissioner	NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission
Ms Robyn Shannon	Member	Deputy Secretary	DHDA

Secretariat

DHDA will provide secretariat support as required. One senior staff member will attend each meeting to record actions.

Meeting Frequency and Structure

Initially meetings to occur monthly. Members will review frequency in 2026. Meeting will be in person where possible at a location suitable to the majority of members.

Members will be invited to suggest items for the agenda ahead of each meeting. The testing of ideas and opportunities to reach agreement will be encouraged through the discussion.

Confidentiality

All discussions in the group are confidential. Where particularly sensitive information is to be shared with members, for example market sensitive data, members may be asked to sign deeds of confidentiality.

Communication

There will be no formal communication from the group. Whilst the groups existence will not be secret, all discussions contained within should not be communicated externally. Should material from the group be considered as in the interest of the group to be shared (for example, to collect data), communication will be agreed by members, with the Chair having final decision.

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- AFA has suggested criteria (see appendix) – which will require provision of detail financial information from prospective recipients. AFA has also suggested an alternative option of registered Supported Independent Living, Early Childhood Interventions and Support Coordination providers.
- Administering payments as a grants program, outside of NDIS pricing, would allow any payments to be targeted to a particular set of providers through grant criteria.
- AFA have suggested the costs of this proposal could be offset by redirecting payments from lower cost unregistered providers who do not face the same compliance and overhead costs as larger registered providers.
    - This would require implementing differentiated pricing for registered and unregistered providers. This would require changes to pricing arrangements and may not be feasible within the 2025-26 financial year.
    - DHDA and NDIA would need to work through how this would be implemented in participant plans.
- The AFA proposal suggests benchmarking of actual costs of service delivery is needed for differing segments of unregistered, registered and registered 'provider of last resort'.
    - The AFA proposal defines 'provider of last resort' as those routinely stepping in to provide support when other operators exit the market or cease offering services, particularly where participants have complex needs.
- There would be expectations of providers receiving grants, including continuing in their role as providers of last resort where other providers exit the market potentially creating service gaps.

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Questions you may wish to ask:

- *The proposal uses an estimate of 25% of registered providers being eligible. Is that based on an assessment against the suggested criteria?*

a. Replace theoretical cost model benchmarks with costing study actuals (for registered complex providers)

- NDIA have established quality supports pilots, working closely with selected providers to evaluate the characteristics of quality service provision, including the costs and outcomes that come from providing quality services. Pilots for Supported Independent Living and Support Coordination are underway. A further pilot on Therapy Services will commence later in 2025.

- These pilots include sharing of financial information which will provide a better understanding of the actual costs of service provision.
- Minister Butler outlined in his press club speech that there is potential within disability services to apply the same discipline in pricing that exists in hospitals and aged care, including considering independent pricing. IHACPAs methodology for pricing incorporates regular costings studies to inform its pricing advice.

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2. Principles for conceptual commissioning of SIL

- Any model of commissioning will need to maintain choice and control of services for participants.

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3. Role of NFPs in Thriving Kids/ Foundational supports

- The design of Thriving Kids is currently expected to be settled between governments later this year, informed by the Thriving Kids Advisory Group co-chaired by the Minister and Prof. Frank Oberklaid.
- Thriving Kids will seek to build on existing appropriate programs and services where appropriate.
- At the Commonwealth level, this may including scaling existing parental programs and information; and establishing arrangements through GPs that provide access to a capped number of therapeutic interventions through the MBS. These and other ideas will be tested through the Advisory Group to inform the final design.
- It is possible that there will also be some commissioned targeted therapeutic supports however this is not confirmed and may depend on decisions by individual jurisdictions about how best to effectively meet the needs of children and their families.

- Stakeholders can feed in their views to the House Standing Committee on Health, Disability and Ageing Inquiry on Thriving Kids by making a submission.

4. NDIS Reform Initiatives intended to be prioritised in this term of Parliament

- Minister Butler is focussed on the National Health Reform deal, including implementation of Thriving Kids and finalisation of NDIS Rules from Bill 1.
- Minister McAllister is prioritising market, quality and safeguards including:
    - Legislating additional safeguarding measures (Bill 2)
    - Universal registration of providers
    - Market Stewardship
    - Consideration of Independent pricing.

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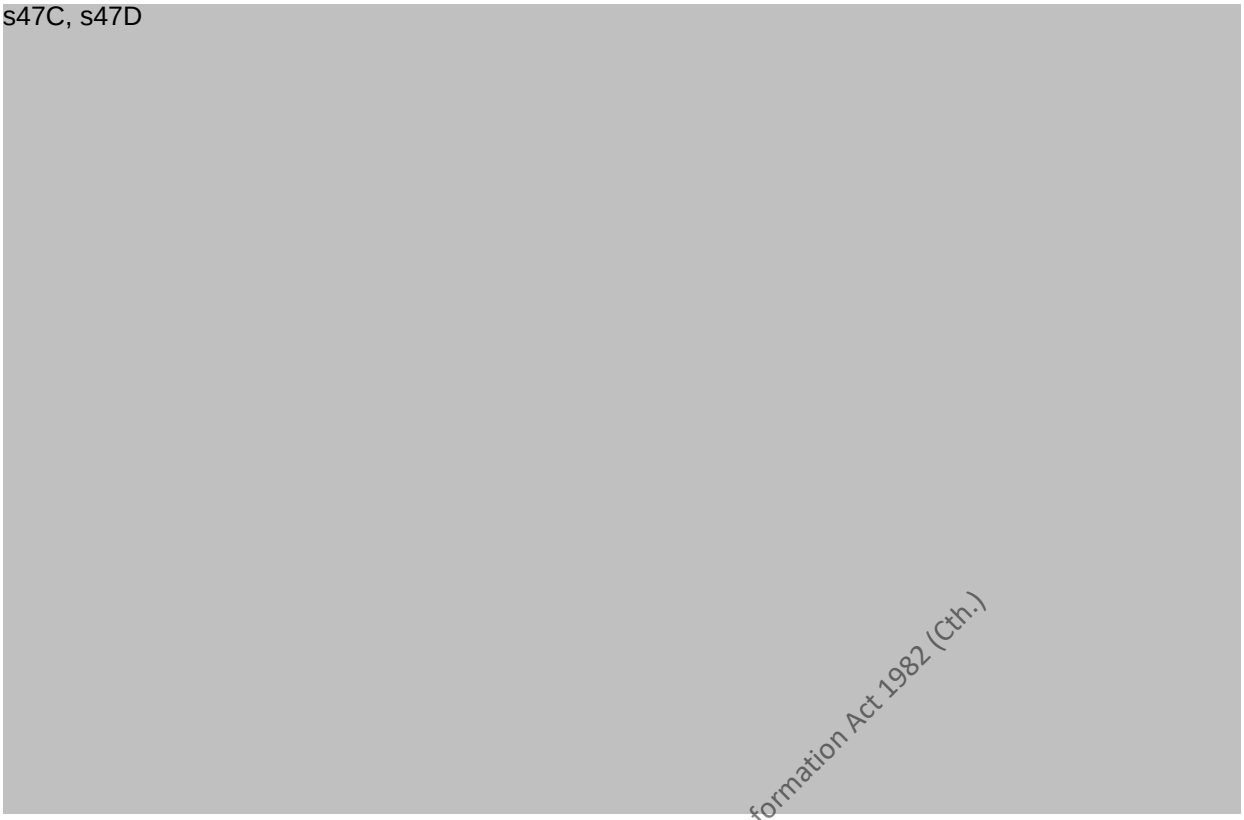
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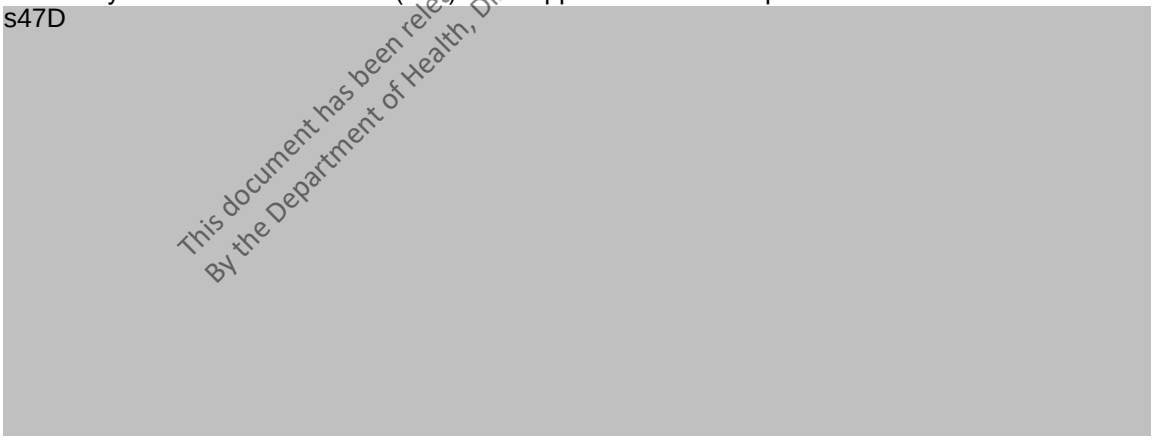
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- Registration with the NDIS Quality and Safeguard Commission.
- As a minimum, provision of core supports to people with high complex disability, with preference given to providers of High Intensity Daily Supports or Supported Independent Living (SIL) to residents of former State and Territory Government homes.
- Providers operating at scale, and or in thin markets, and or in rural and remote locations. Early childhood intervention (ECI) and support coordination providers should be considered.

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Provider Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes - 15 December 2025

Attendees			
Mr Blair Comley	Sponsor	Secretary	Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
s47F	Member	CEO	Ability First Australia
s47F	Member	CEO	Northcott
s47F	Member	CEO	Life Without Barriers
s47F	Member	CEO	Aruma
s47F	Member	CEO	Yooralla
Ms Robyn Shannon	Member	Deputy Secretary	Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
Ms Natalie Wade	Proxy	Associate Commissioner	NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission
Ms Penelope McKay	Proxy	Deputy CEO	National Disability Insurance Agency
Mr Ross Schafer	Secretariat	First Assistant Secretary	Department of Health, Disability & Ageing
Guests			
Mr Scott Fitzpatrick	Guest	A/GM Home and Living	National Disability Insurance Agency
Apologies			
Mr Graeme Head	Member	CEO	National Disability Insurance Agency
Ms Louise Glanville	Member	Commissioner	NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission

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Decisions

Members:

- Agreed minutes of previous meeting.
- The group went through the join DHDA/NDIA/NDIS Commission presentation on SIL and agreed/noted/discussed (by slide number):

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- Next meeting mid to late February 2026.
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New Actions

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Prior Actions

1.	DHDA to draft first version of a Terms of Reference for consultation with members ahead of the September meeting.	Complete
2.	Meeting to be scheduled for September and October.	Complete

3. A/CEO NDIA and NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner to be invited to the next meeting.	Complete
4. Members to email through proposed agenda items.	Complete
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7. Providers to provide a “waterfall” of their cost inputs.	Complete
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Meeting Brief
MB26-001256
Version (1)
Date sent to MO: 10 June 2026

To: **Minister McAllister**

cc: Minister Butler

Subject: **MIND AUSTRALIA / THE HAVEN FOUNDATION**

Contact Officer:	*Nerissa Stewart*	*A/g Assistant Secretary, NDIS Strategy and Governance Branch*	Mobile: s47E(c), s47F
Clearance Officer:	*Erin Rule*	*A/g First Assistant Secretary, NDIS Strategy and Policy Division*	Mobile: s47E(c), s47F

Date / Time: Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Meeting Type/Location: Haven Frankston s47G(1)(a), Frankston VIC

Traditional Custodians: Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation

Desired Outcomes: Visit one of Haven Foundation's facilities and engage with Mind Australia representatives.

Key Attendees/Speakers:	Title:	Organisation:	Mobile No:
s47F	Chair	s47G(1)(a)	n/a
s47F	CEO		n/a

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Purpose - why you are attending:

To meet with Mind Australia and the Haven Foundation and tour the Haven Frankston Wattle facility. The meeting will provide an opportunity to see how the Haven model operates and s47D

Key Matters/Issues:

Mind Australia has advised the Haven model is s47D . Mind Australia advises reasons for this include:

- Previously anticipated Victorian Government funding (of approximately s47E(d)
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- Administrative and design constraints within the Scheme, including restrictions on pooling participant funding and reliance on individual participant choice and control, are creating additional risks to sustaining a shared-support housing model.

Sensitivities:

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Background:

- Mind Australia is a member of the Australian Psychosocial Alliance (APA). The APA's October 2025 report *Access Denied: Psychosocial Disability and the NDIS* found access rates for people with psychosocial disability had declined significantly, and assessment processes were inconsistent and demonstrated poor understanding ofpsychosocial disability.
- The Haven Foundation, a subsidiary of Mind Australia, delivers supported housing for people with psychosocial disability, combining long term housing with onsite psychosocial supports funded through participant level NDIS plans.

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The Haven Model

- The Haven model is an integrated housing and support approach for people with severe mental illness, combining community housing with on-site, 24/7 psychosocial supports.
- The model provides day-to-day onsite mental health support focused on daily living skills, social connection and recovery goals, for people with significant mental health challenges, including those at risk of housing instability.
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Consultation:

- Markets and Workforce Policy Branch; Quality and Safeguards Policy Branch.

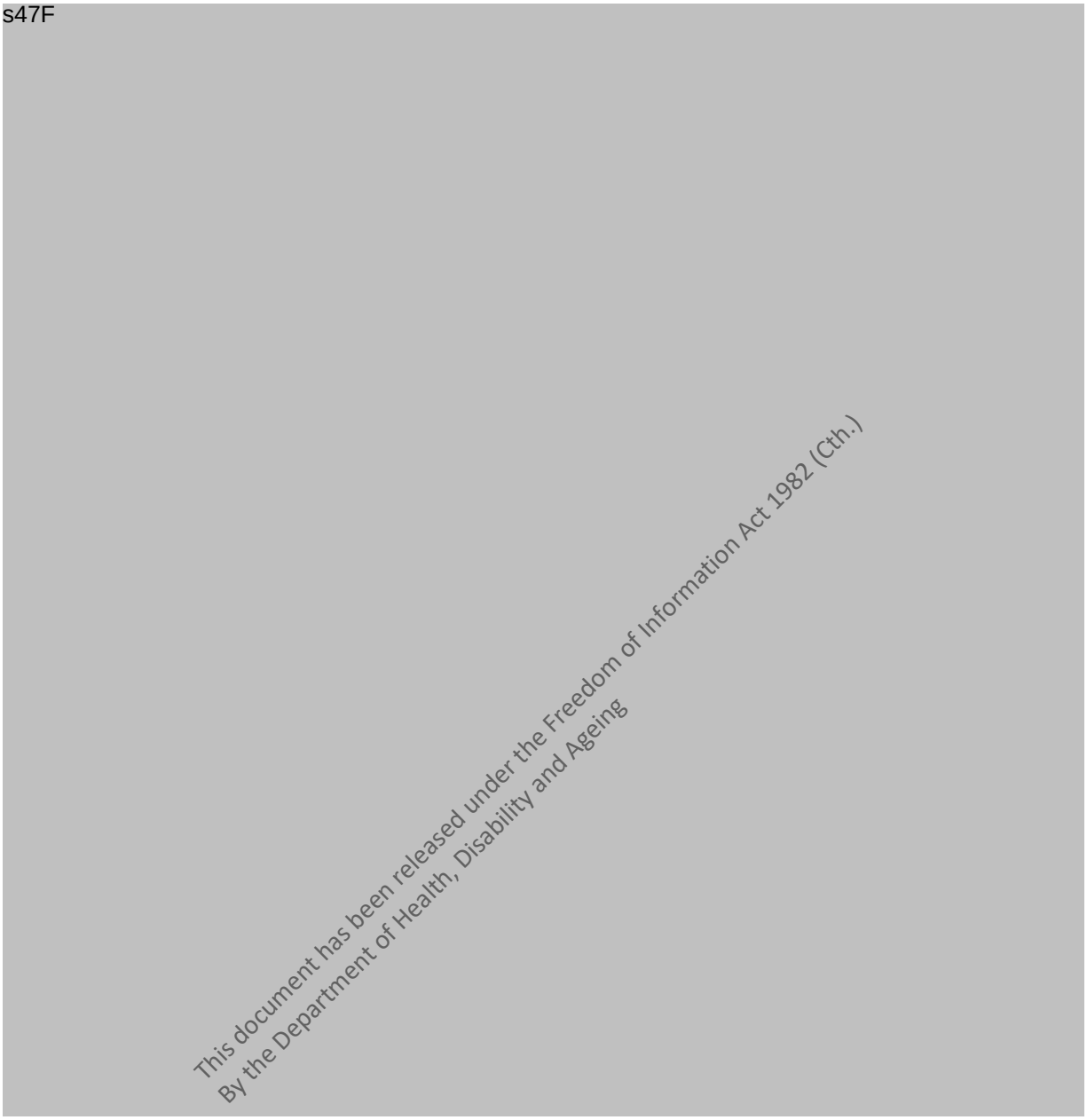
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A. Biographies
B. Discussion points

Attachment A

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Discussion Points

Psychosocial Disability and the NDIS

- People with psychosocial disability will continue to be eligible for the NDIS.
- From 1 January 2028, eligibility for the NDIS will be based on a standardised, evidence-based assessment of an individual's functional capacity. It will not be based on diagnosis or disability type and there will be no different or higher threshold for people with psychosocial disability, compared with other disabilities.
- The new assessment will take account of fluctuating conditions when considering functional impairments.
- Once standardised, evidence-based assessments of functional capacity are implemented, some current NDIS participants with psychosocial disability are expected to no longer meet NDIS eligibility criteria, where they have high functional capacity.
- People with psychosocial disability can continue to access mainstream and community support systems outside of the NDIS.
- Health and Mental Health Ministers have agreed to prioritise addressing unmet psychosocial needs outside the NDIS in the consideration of the next National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement. Ministers have also confirmed that funding for psychosocial supports outside the NDIS will be maintained.
- The Australian Government will work with state and territory governments to consider future cohorts for Foundational Supports. The needs of people with psychosocial disability both within and outside the NDIS will be part of those considerations.

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Minister	**Minister McAllister**
PDR Number	**MB26-001256**
Subject	**Meeting Brief - Mind Australia / The Haven Foundation**
Contact Officer	Nerissa Stewart s47F
Clearance Officer	Erin Rule s47F
Division/Branch	NDIS Strategy and Governance Branch, NDIS Strategy and Policy Division, Disability and Carers Group
Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Not Applicable

Adviser/DLO comments:	Returned to Dept for: REDRAFT ☐ NFA ☐

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Meeting Brief
MB26-000207
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Date sent to MO: 3 February 2026

To: **Minister McAllister**

cc: Minister Butler

Subject: **MEETING WITH ANDREW WILKIE MP -** s47E(d)

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Comments:			
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Clearance Officer:	*Alexander Abel*	*Assistant Secretary, Markets and Workforce Policy Branch*	*Ph: (02) 5132 0022* *Mobile:* s47E(c), s47F

Date / Time: Wednesday 4 February / 4:30 - 5:00pm

Traditional Custodians: The Ngunnawal (nuh-nuh-wahl) people

Desired Outcomes: Discuss concerns raised with Mr Wilkie MP by Tasmanian NDS regarding a temporary loading to fund quality service providers. Discuss work being done around market viability and related pricing reforms.

Key Attendees/Speakers:	Title:	Organisation:	Mobile No:
Mr Andrew Wilkie	MP	Independent, House of Representatives	

Purpose

- Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, the Independent Member for Clark, would like to discuss issues raised with him by the Tasmanian National Disability Service (NDS), s47E(d)

Key Matters/Issues

NDS State of the Sector Report 2025

- In November 2025, the NDS released the annual State of the Disability Sector Report 2025. The report is the result of a survey of 290 registered and unregistered NDIS service providers.
- The report raised concerns regarding market stewardship, sustainable and independent pricing, consistent regulation and unfunded supports (**MB25-002867** refers).

Request from Provider Peaks for Viability Support

- On 1 October 2025 NDS, Ability First Australia (AFA) and Alliance 20 (A20) co-wrote to you outlining a proposal for additional viability support for registered NDIS providers of last resort (**MB25-001671** refers).
- Officials are engaging with provider peaks, including NDS, AFA and A20, to better understand the issues raised, including proposals for short-term support measures.
- These concerns are being examined through established processes, including the provider viability work with jurisdictions and NDIA's pricing reform mechanisms.

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Regulation

- In December 2025, the Australian Government announced the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission will expand NDIS provider registration to include the mandatory registration of Supported Independent Living (SIL) and digital platform providers from 1 July 2026.
- This means that every provider delivering these NDIS-funded supports must register with the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission.
- All Supported Independent Living and platform providers will be subject to high quality standards and independent audits, suitability assessments, reporting requirements and worker screening checks.
- The changes follow extensive consultation with the disability community and NDIS sector undertaken by the NDIS Commission, and respond to recommendations from the NDIS Review, the Disability Royal Commission, and the NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce.

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Background

- NDS represent members providing services to more than 300,000 Australians with disability and employ a workforce of more than 100,000 people.
- NDS provides sector leadership and advocacy for its members and provides government and the public with an annual report regarding their view of the state of the disability sector.

Consultations

- No external consultations were undertaken. Internal consultation with Quality and Safeguards Branch.

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Minister	**Minister McAllister**
PDR Number	**MB26-000207**
Subject	****URGENT DUE TO MO 12PM 3/2** Meeting Brief - Meeting with Andrew Wilkie MP -** s47E(d)
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Division/Branch	|DCG| NDIS Markets and Safeguards
Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Not Applicable

Adviser/DLO comments:	Returned to Dept for: REDRAFT ☐ NFA ☐

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Meeting Brief
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Date sent to MO: 2/09/2025

To: Minister Butler

Subject: MEETING BRIEF + TP - ALLIANCE20 MEMBERS MEETING

Comments:			
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Clearance Officer:	*Ross Schafer*	*First Assistant Secretary, Markets and Safeguards*	Ph: s47E(c), s47F

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When: 10:45 – 10:55am on Wednesday 3 September 2025

Meeting Type/Location: MG 1.25A Parliament House, Canberra ACT

Traditional Custodians: The Ngunnawal and Ngambri people

Desired Outcomes: Signal Government's ongoing commitment to improving the lives of people with disability in Australia.

Key Attendees/Speakers: See **Attachment A – Biographical Details** (Alliance20 includes representatives that make up a Chief Executives Group)

Purpose

- Alliance20 Chief Executive Officers are meeting face-to-face and have requested to meet with the Minister.
- Alliance20 has identified this meeting as an opportunity to collaborate during this term of government to highlight issues they are working on including their work with provider groups and advocacy groups, including Disability Representative Organisations to promote supports and inclusion for people with disability.
- Alliance20 brings together 25 of Australia's largest and most influential disability service providers with the shared goal of making a tangible, positive impact so that people with disability in Australia can really experience a strong and functioning National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIS). They are committed to a future where the NDIS continues to evolve—and where its success is shared by all.

Key Matters/Issues:

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- The Government is pursuing a broad reform agenda to improve the lives of the 5.5 million Australians with disability.

- Reforms build on the Australian Governments first term agenda following from the Disability Royal Commission (DRC) and NDIS Review, as well as Government's ongoing implementation of *Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS) 2021-31*. The focus remains on:
    - Improving the participants experience as we strengthen the NDIS and make the scheme sustainable for future generations
    - Working with states to scale broad based mainstream services that support kids to thrive and on opportunities to scale supports outside the NDIS for other groups
    - Establishing the Inclusive Employment Australia program from 1 November 2025 and embedding the Centre for Inclusive Employment
    - Improving safeguards that protect people with disability from harm, including through the review of the Disability Discrimination Act; work towards the elimination of restrictive practices; and strengthening community visitor arrangements nationally
    - Working across all governments and the community to address systemic barriers to participation and inclusion, including for example the work we are doing to establish specific standards for accessible air travel consistent with the Aviation White Paper; and work to lift the disability knowledge of key professionals in the health and education systems.

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- *ADS 2021-2031* was updated in January 2025, to include a new policy priority around addressing homelessness and three new targeted action plans on safety, rights and justice; community attitudes; and accessible housing and communities.

- Governments are expected to provide their first public update on progress against the 222 recommendations from the DRC within the next few weeks.

Sensitivities:

- **Political:**
  - Somerville CEO and current Alliance20 member, the Hon. Natasha Fyles, was formerly a Northern Territory Labor Chief Minister and Minister (2012-2024). She served as Minister for Health, Minister for Disability, and as Chief Minister. She resigned as Chief Minister in 2023 due to undisclosed shares in a mining company.

- **Abuse and misconduct**
  - Yooralla, an Alliance20 member organisation, disclosed in their submission to the Disability Royal Commission a history of sexual abuse perpetrated by their staff against people with disability in the early 2010's. The submission also identifies a significant turning point for the organisation in 2014 - where Yooralla undertook major reforms to improve its safeguarding practices, governance, and organisational culture. Terry Symonds is the current Yooralla CEO and a member of the Alliance20 Chief Executives Group.

  - Minda, another Alliance20 organisation, was investigated by Safework SA in 2023, and found to have failed in its duties by not providing a support worker with information about the behavioural risk posed by a client in their care. The support worker was sexually and physically assaulted by a person in their care. Minda was fined $42,000 for this incident. Minda was also recently charged with a second offence based on their 'failure to have in place adequate procedures and compliance with communication protocols' to protect the support worker, following a sexual assault by a client. The current CEO and Alliance20 Chief Executives Group member, David Panter, was CEO at the time of these incidents.

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Background:

- Alliance20's focus is supporting a sustainable and diverse provider landscape that reflects the rights, goals, and preferences of people with disability.
- Their approach is guided by:
    - A commitment to equity, inclusion and full participation for people with disability
    - Responsible use of public and community resources to support these outcomes
    - Encouraging investment that supports growth and innovation across the sector, while building on existing knowledge and experience.

Linkages to Aged Care:

- Hireup (CEO Laura O'Reilly) is an online platform that connects people looking for disability or aged care support with verified support workers. They have launched their first national advertising campaign for aged care. The campaign, called "Find a higher standard of aged care, at home," this was made with the agency *Your Creative* and will be broadcast across radio, online video, digital platforms, and print.

Consultations:

- This meeting brief was drafted in consultation with Australia's Disability Strategy Branch, Disability Reforms and Royal Commission Division, Foundational Supports Branch, NDIS Participation and Performance Division and Disability and Carers Programs Division with advice from Financial Services Division**.**

Attachments:

A. Biographical details
B. Event Summary
C. Discussion Guide

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Biographies:

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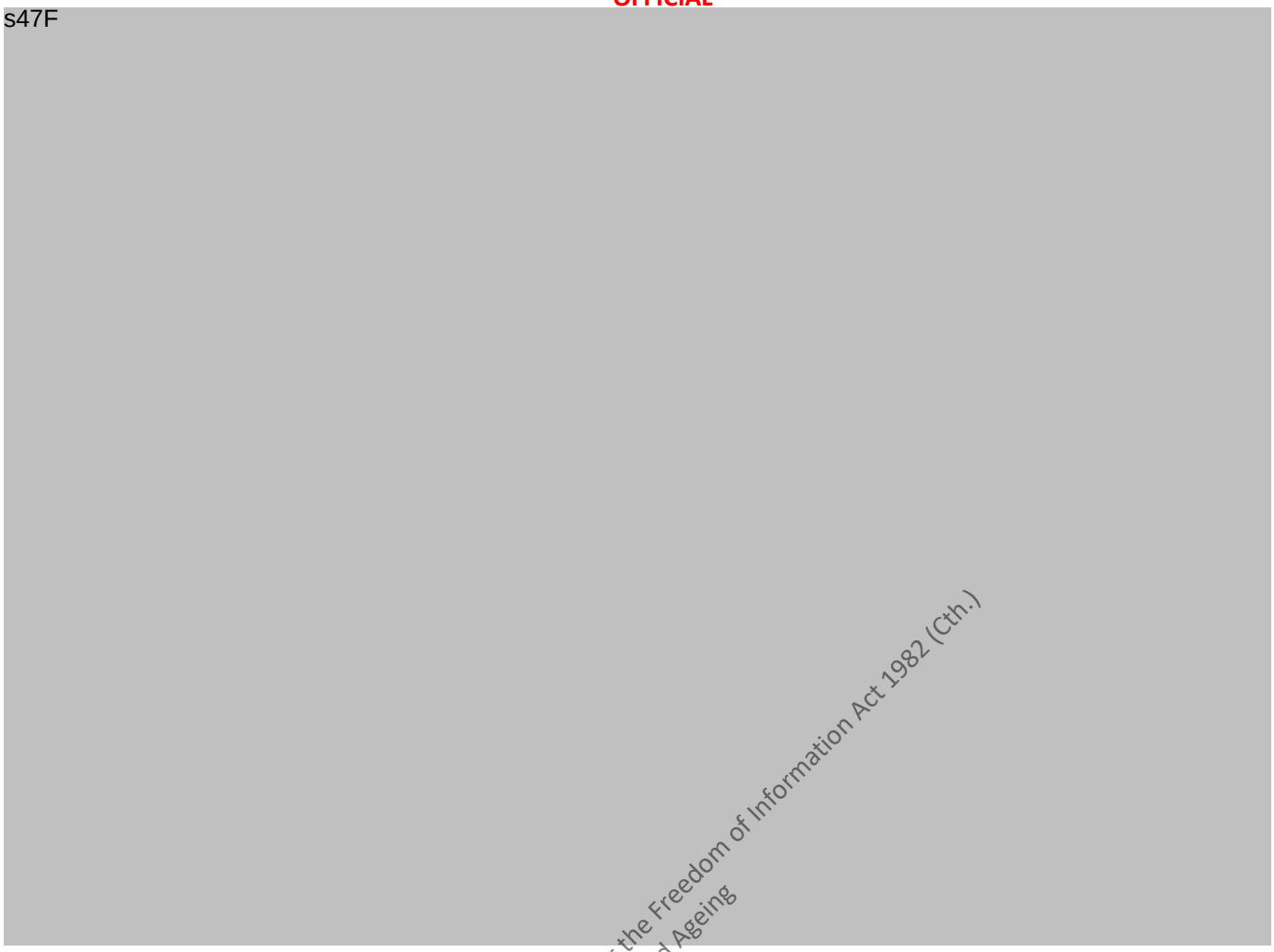
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Summary Sheet

Event: Meeting with Alliance20
Date **Wednesday 3 September 2025**
Arrive **10:45 AEST**
Depart **10:55am AEST**
Duration **10 Minutes**

Details
In person meeting **MG 1.25A Parliament House, Canberra ACT**

Order of Events or Meeting Agenda

- On 5 August 2025, Alliance20 Chair and CEO of Somerville Community Services, Natasha Fyles wrote to your office requesting an opportunity for the Alliance20 Chairs to engage with you as part of a face-to-face meeting of the Alliance20 Chairs.
- The original correspondence notes that you met with the Chairs of Alliance20 in early August 2025.
- Alliance20 brings together 25 of Australia's largest and most influential disability service providers with the shared goal of making a tangible, positive impact so that people with disability in Australia can really experience a strong and functioning NDIS. They are committed to a future where the NDIS continues to evolve—and where its success is shared by all.
- Their focus is supporting a sustainable and diverse provider landscape that reflects the rights, goals, and preferences of people with disability.

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Discussion Guide: Alliance20 Meeting – 3 September 2025

Summary of the Australian Government's disability reforms:

NDIS and Foundational Supports

- We are working to restore the Scheme to its original intent, to support people with permanent and significant disability.
- Commencement of new framework planning will see more equitable funding for participant's disability related needs based on support needs assessments. New framework planning is expected to commence from 1 July 2026 and participants will be supported to transition over a four-year period.
- The NDIS Review recommended creating a wider range of supports outside the NDIS, including for children under nine years with developmental delay and disability.
- We want to see developmental concerns identified earlier through better screening.
- We also want to work with states to scale up broad-based mainstream services for children aged eight years and under with low-to-moderate support needs associated with developmental delay and autism, and their families.
- Children with permanent and significant disability will continue to be supported through the NDIS.
- We know that there are many evidence-based programs and services that can be scaled in places where children and families already engage to deliver better developmental outcomes.
- We are committed to investing $2 billion in Commonwealth funds over five years, with states to do the same. We have also indicated a commitment to continue co-funding these supports beyond the first five years, and to examine the need for supports for other groups over time.
- The final program design for Thriving Kids will be settled between the Australian Government and state and territory governments, informed by experts and the significant community input received through the Independent Review of the NDIS, and the Thriving Kids Advisory Group co-chaired by Professor Frank Oberklaid.
- We would like to see first scaled supports starting from 1 July 2026 and fully established by mid-2027.

Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

- In June 2025, Disability Ministers recommitted to prioritising the implementation of the joint government response to the Disability Royal Commission recommendations. Governments have been working individually and together to consider and implement recommendations since the Royal Commission handed down its final report.
- The Government has already implemented, or progressed, a significant number of actions within the Commonwealth's individual or joint responsibility.
- The first major update from all governments on progress will be released shortly.

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Strengthen disability rights through improvements to the Disability Discrimination Act.

- The Attorney-General's Department is currently reviewing the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* to ensure it better protects the rights of people with disability and reflects contemporary expectations. This review responds to recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission and aims to strengthen protections and clarify obligations under the Act.
- Consultations are currently underway, including written submissions, a community survey, and a series of hybrid forums across the country. Public consultation is open until 24 October 2025, and PWDA is encouraged to get involved in the consultation and promote it among their networks.

NDIS Markets

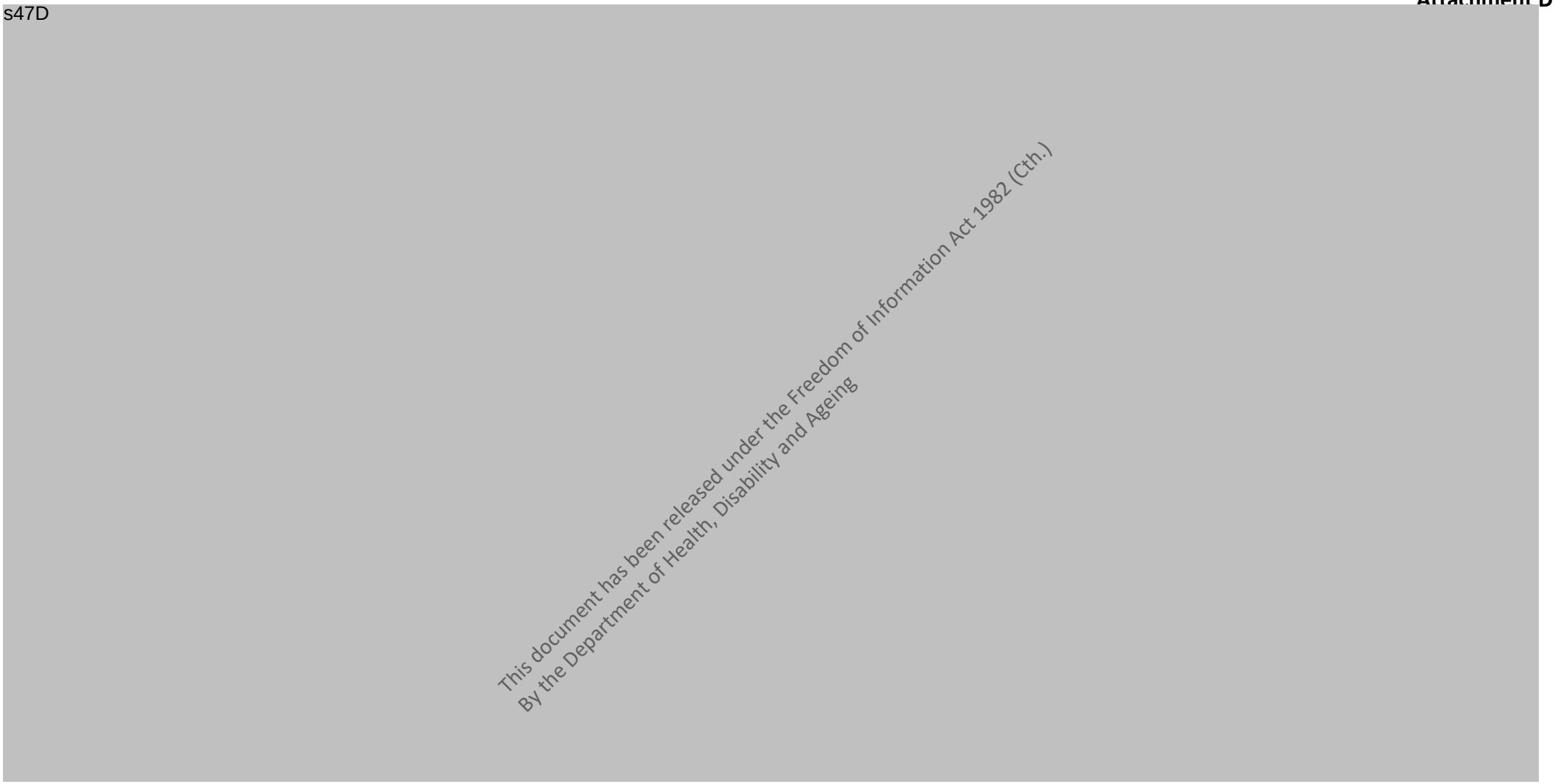
- The Government is aware and listening to the concerns being raised by providers operating in the NDIS market, particularly those providing Supported Independent Living supports.
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- As you are aware, the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority has undertaken a review of NDIS pricing which the government is considering.
- Government's commitment to consider the introduction of independent pricing to the NDIS is clear, but the Government has not yet made a decision. If agreed, legislative changes would be required.
- My department is working with the NDIA and the NDIS Commission to strengthen market stewardship and monitoring arrangements and clarify roles and responsibilities for stewarding the market.
- We are keen to ensure close engagement with providers to inform future reforms and share information on emerging market challenges and policy options.
- Provider engagement in developing the government's response to NDIS market challenges as well as an ongoing consultation and information sharing is beneficial.
- Welcome further engagement about the best forum to achieve this, including whether existing forums such as the Industry Chief Executive Forum or Partner CEO meeting are providing this already.

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Minister	**Minister Butler**
PDR Number	**MB25-001712**
Subject	**Meeting Brief + TPs - Alliance20 Members Meeting**
Contact Officer	Alex Abel Ph: s47E(c), s47F
Clearance Officer	Ross Schafer Ph: s47E(c), s47F
Division/Branch	|DCG| NDIS Markets and Safeguards
Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Yes
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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Provider Advisory Group

AGENDA

Date: 19 February 2026
Time: 0830-1430
Location: Ballina

Time	Item	Lead
0830-0930	Arrive and tour facility.	Aruma
0930-1230	Provider Advisory Group Meeting 1. Chair's welcome 2. Previous minutes and action items 3. Chair update a. National Cabinet deal - 5-6% 4. SIL a. s47E(d) b. c. Mandatory registration 5. Market sustainability s47E(d) 6. Other Business	 1. Chair 2. Chair 3. Chair 4. All 5. All 6. Chair
1230-1330	Lunch, including participant roundtable.	Aruma
1330-1400	Travel to Ballina SIL Visit	
1400-1445	SIL Visit	

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Australian Government

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Ref No: MC26-003839

Mr. Andrew Rowley
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Mr Rowley,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 February 2026 to the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Hon Mark Butler MP regarding Ability First Australia 2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission. The Minister has asked me to reply.

Thank you for Ability First Australia's ongoing engagement with Government on these important issues, as well as other emerging issues affecting NDIS providers and participants. The expertise and insights AFA brings to discussions is highly valued and welcome.

AFA's 2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission has been shared across the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and the NDIA and NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. The proposals outlined in it are informing ongoing work to strengthen the Government's role as a steward of the NDIS and consider any necessary market interventions.

The Government recognises the important role that large, quality registered providers play in maintaining market stability, particularly for participants with high and complex support needs. The department also recognises a number of providers are reporting ongoing viability pressures, and emerging issues relating to fuel prices are adding to this pressure. These reports are informing cross-government work on NDIS pricing reform and market stewardship. Officials from the department, the NDIA and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission will continue to engage with AFA and stakeholders across the disability sector to understand the pressures being experienced and to examine and consult on appropriate policy responses.

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As you note, the Government is progressing a substantial NDIS reform agenda, with a strong focus on strengthening market function and improving sustainability, quality and safeguarding, including:

- **Market stewardship and system governance:**
  The department is leading development of a Market Stewardship Framework which will clarify roles and responsibilities across the Commonwealth, the NDIA, the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission and state and territory governments s47E(d)

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The Government is committed to working closely with the disability sector and to ensure the NDIS market is sustainable, resilient and able to deliver high-quality supports now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

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Alexander Abel
Assistant Secretary
NDIS Markets and Workforce Policy
9 April 2026

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Ability First Australia

2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission

January 2026

Ability First Australia (Ability First) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the 2025-26 Federal Budget. As one of the largest strategic alliances representing not-for-profit disability service providers across Australia, we are committed to working with government to ensure the long-term sustainability and quality of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

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A sustainable disability-service sector relies on providers being able to make a return – not a marginal break-even result, not an excess profit, but rather a modest surplus to cover costs, manage risk, and reinvest. In basic economic terms, when revenue consistently sits at or below the cost of delivering services, providers cannot innovate, adopt new technologies, train staff, or improve quality. Allowing a modest return provides for needed capital investment, which in turn drives innovation, productivity improvements, and better outcomes for participants. Without this reinvestment cycle, the system becomes fragile: quality declines, choice diminishes, and service gaps emerge. A fair return simply ensures that providers stay viable, competitive, and able to continuously improve, which ultimately protects both participants and the long-term sustainability of the NDIS.

The current NDIS funding model is intended to reflect the efficient cost of delivering quality services, yet it reflects a reliance on outdated assumptions unsupported by benchmarking data. Ignoring the higher cost base of organisations delivering complex supports with robust quality and safeguard systems guarantees that quality-focused providers operate at a loss. The result is clear; organisations that invest in their workforce, meet their regulatory obligations, and deliver continuity of care are being priced out of the care and support system.

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About Ability First Australia

Ability First Australia represents 15 established not-for-profit disability service providers who collectively support approximately 92,000 NDIS participants and family members and employ over 28,500 staff across Australia. Our members include some of the nation's longest-standing disability service organisations, many with 50-90 years of experience supporting people with disability.

Our members are distributed across all states and territories, providing essential services particularly to participants with complex support needs, in thin markets, and in regional and remote areas where commercial providers are often unwilling to operate. Ability First members make broader contributions to the disability sector including participation in the Thriving Kids initiative and other cross-sector collaborations to improve outcomes for people with disability.

Recommendation 1: Prevent market failure

Registered NDIS providers serving large numbers of participants with complex needs have s47D .

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Measure 1a: A Temporary Loading and Industry Agreement

We recommend the Government deliver a **targeted loading to eligible "providers of last resort"** as a viability supplement until longer term price reform is implemented.

The loading would be required from 2025-26 to 2027-28, graduating from 5% to 2%, in alignment with the NDIA reform roadmap.

As part of this temporary loading, eligible providers commit to the following as part of an industry agreement with Government:

- Agree to participate in and register as a 'provider of last resort' which Government may approach in instances of provider failure or identified client safety risks
- Agree to provide financial performance data to inform pricing reform agenda and market stewardship activities
- Agree to participate in in the piloting or transition to SIL Commissioning.

While comprehensive pricing reform is underway, larger not-for-profit providers who serve as 'providers of last resort' for participants with complex needs are facing immediate viability pressures that threaten essential service continuity. This proposal targets support to providers who are both most critical to market stability and most at risk of failure, while avoiding an across-the-board approach that would provide funding to providers not facing financial distress.

Based on NDIA Quarterly Report data, total NDIS payments for 2024-25 were $45.9 billion, with 78.2% claimed for Core Supports. Registered providers claimed 63.3% of Core Support payments, totaling approximately $22.7 billion.

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5% Loading estimates

- **Conservative scenario (25% of eligible providers):** If 25% of registered provider Core Support payments were subject to a 5% supplement, the annual cost would be **$283 million**.
- **Expanded scenario (40% of eligible providers):** If eligibility criteria resulted in 40% of registered provider Core Support payments qualifying for the supplement, the annual cost would be **$454.9 million**.

2.5% Loading estimates

- **Conservative scenario (25% of eligible providers):** If 25% of registered provider Core Support payments were subject to a 2.5% supplement, the annual cost would be **$141.8 million**.
- **Expanded scenario (40% of eligible providers):** If eligibility criteria resulted in 40% of registered provider Core Support payments qualifying for the supplement, the annual cost would be **$227 million**.

Year	Loading	Conservative scenario (25% of eligible providers)	Expanded scenario (40% of eligible providers)
2026-27 FY	5%	$283 million	$454.9 million
2027-28 FY	2.5%	$141.8 million	$227 million.

Defining 'providers of last resort':

For the purposes of this program, a 'provider of last resort' is a larger not-for-profit registered provider who:

- Delivers essential disability supports to large numbers of participants with complex needs
- Operates in thin markets, regional/remote areas, or accepts participants other providers decline
- Maintains specialised infrastructure, clinical governance, and safeguarding systems
- Provides critical services such as SIL, high-intensity support, emergency placements, or post-hospital transfers
- Plays a critical role in market stability whose loss would trigger significant service disruption.

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Implementation approach

The loading would be administered as an annual grants program with:

- Annual application and assessment process
- Independent financial assessment to verify eligibility
- Quarterly payments based on previous quarter's NDIS revenue
- Graduated reduction (5% in Year 1, 3% in Year 2, 2% in Year 3) as pricing reforms are implemented.

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Partnership for sustainable reform

Ability First Australia and its members are committed to working collaboratively with government to ensure the NDIS delivers on its promise of choice, control, and quality outcomes for people with disability.

We acknowledge recent improvements in some provider financial performance while emphasising that these short-term gains cannot mask the structural underfunding of complex care services. The current trajectory will continue to drive market exits, particularly among providers serving participants with the highest support needs.

The recommendations in this submission offer a strategic, time-limited bridge to comprehensive reform.

Rather than seeking permanent supplements to inadequate pricing, we propose targeted measures that:

- Prevent market failure and protect vulnerable participants
- Support rather than replace long-term structural reform
- Align with government reform priorities and timelines
- Provide better value than reactive crisis management.

The choice before government is to invest proactively in market stability and systematic reform or manage recurring crises as essential providers exit.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals in detail and work collaboratively on implementation arrangements that serve the best interests of people with disability and the broader community.

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Dear Ministers,

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Kirinari is Australia's largest regional provider of human services. We deliver disability, aged care, housing, children, youth & families, transport, social enterprises & training, and carer support to more than 15,000 customers across NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria.

Kirinari operates a number of group homes, including Supported Independent Living and Specialist Disability Accommodation, across regional Victoria.

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We would not require any top-up funding to do this.

To discuss this further, or if there is any information I can provide, please don't hesitate to contact me on s47F [redacted] or s47F [redacted] kirinari.com.au

Yours sincerely

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Dear s47F

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 November 2025, on behalf of the delegation of Alliance 20 Board Chairs, regarding the latest Ability Roundtable FY25 provider benchmark data.

The Government continues to recognise the important work of Alliance 20 board chairs and Alliance 20 members in providing services to people with disability right across the country and will continue to work with you and the broader Disability Sector to ensure that National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers are viable, high quality and accessible.

This up-to-date data has been shared with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and is being considered alongside the previously provided Alliance 20 Board Chairs, "providers of last resort" submission to inform their ongoing work to strengthen the Australian Government's role as a steward of the NDIS and consider any necessary market interventions.

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The Government is taking action to address challenges in the NDIS market including on pricing, registration and integrity. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) released the 2025-26 Annual Pricing Review for consultation on 27 November 2025. Consultation papers outline key focus areas including supports delivered by disability support workers, therapy, support coordination, plan management and social, community and civic participation.

Further, as part of the 2025 Annual Pricing Review, the NDIA committed to publishing a three-year pricing workplan, giving providers and participants clear visibility of upcoming reviews and reforms in pricing. The workplan provides a pathway for implementing pricing improvements consistent with the guidance of the Independent Pricing Committee.

The NDIA is working closely with selected providers through the Quality Supports program to evaluate the characteristics of quality service provision, including the costs and outcomes that come from providing quality services. Insights from pilots on specific NDIS supports will strengthen pricing models.

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The Government has also established the Evidence Advisory Committee to provide advice to Government on the suitability of supports for NDIS funding, drawing on the best available evidence of the benefits, safety and cost-effectiveness.

The NDIS Review and the NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce provided advice on the design and implementation of a new graduated risk-proportionate regulatory model. Government is considering this advice to ensure registration requirements improve quality, safety and integrity of NDIS supports, while upholding choice and control for NDIS participants.

I would like to thank Alliance 20 Board Chairs for their ongoing engagement with Government to ensure a high quality and sustainable NDIS. My office, or a representative from the department will be in touch if any further information is required.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mark Butler

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13 November 2025

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Dear Ministers and Secretary

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Further to our meeting of 30 July 2025, our 1 October submission to the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook Update, and your 3 November confirmation that consideration is being given to a *provider of last resort* conditional viability supplement (Your Ref MC25-018665), we provide new data demonstrating urgency for the viability supplement to be applied this financial year.

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A diverse and stable provider market is essential to ensure choice and continuity of support for people with disability, particularly those with complex support needs. s47D, s47G(1)(a)

We welcome and support the Government's reform agenda to improve the NDIS, pricing, regulation and market stewardship. We also reiterate that the need for a viability supplement is a short-term temporary measure to stabilise service provision while longer-term NDIS reforms on pricing and regulation are implemented.

To reinforce the need for stabilisation, a delegation of Board Chairs is once again willing to travel to Canberra to describe impacts of flawed pricing and detail Ability Roundtable FY25 benchmark findings ahead of their public release in late November and the Government's MYEFO determination.

Yours sincerely

Alliance Twenty and Ability First Australia Board Chairs

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Dear s47F and Board Chairs

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 October 2025, on behalf of the delegation of Alliance 20 Board Chairs, that provided your submission for "providers of last resort" for the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook Update. I would also like to thank Alliance 20 Board Chairs for meeting with me and the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister on 30 July 2025, which gave us valuable insight into the pressures providers are experiencing.

The proposal provided has been shared with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to inform their ongoing work to strengthen the Australian Government's role as a steward of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) market and is being given careful consideration. My office, or a representative from the department will be in touch if any further information is required.

The Government recognises the important work of Alliance 20 board chairs and Alliance 20 members providing services to people with disability right across the country and will continue to work with you and the broader Disability Sector to ensure that NDIS providers are viable, high quality and accessible.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mark Butler

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Dear Ministers and Secretary

Thank you for meeting with the Alliance 20 delegation of Board Chairs on 30 July 2025, and for your subsequent correspondence of 23 September 2025 (Your Ref MC25 – 015670).

Having consulted with your Department on several occasions during August and September, we provide attached our submission of "providers of last resort" to the 2025-2026 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook Update (MYEFO). Our submission outlines:

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Dr Martin Laverty will be in touch with each of your offices to progress our proposal.

Yours sincerely

Board Chairs

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NDIS pricing and provider viability measures

Submission of "providers of last resort" to the 2025-2026 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook Update

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

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Dear s47F Alliance20 and AFA Board Chairs

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 August 2025 regarding the meeting of Board Chairs with Ministers and the Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing on 30 July 2025. I appreciate the time and effort Alliance20 and AFA Board Chairs have dedicated to engaging with the Australian Government on these critical issues.

Your correspondence has been carefully considered and I acknowledge the pressures facing National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service providers raised in our discussion and your letter. Your perspectives and the collective experience of Alliance20 and AFA Board Chairs are invaluable as we work to address these challenges.

The Government is actively considering options to address these challenges. More needs to be done to protect the NDIS and the people who rely on it, and that work will require much more robust market stewardship—including a well-calibrated system of provider registration.

There is real potential to introduce more pricing discipline within the NDIS, drawing on the independent pricing experience in hospitals and aged care. As much as possible, the pricing of similar services across care and support sectors should be aligned to maximise efficiency, prevent distortions and get the best value for money for participants and taxpayers.

I value our ongoing partnership and your willingness to contribute to both immediate and long-term NDIS reforms. Your insights and engagement are vital as we work together to strengthen the NDIS market and ensure the sustainability of services for participants.

Thank you again for raising these important matters. I look forward to receiving your submission in late September and to our continued collaboration to support a robust and sustainable NDIS market.

Your sincerely

Mark Butler

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25 August 2025

Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme
House of Representatives, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme
The Senate, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Blair Comley PSM
Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Ministers and Secretary

Thank you for meeting with the Alliance20 delegation of Board Chairs on 30 July 2025. We very much appreciated your thoughtful consideration of the delegation's urge for government to proceed with long term NDIS structural reform, while also addressing immediate viability risk for service providers.

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To progress design options for both an immediate viability supplement and a mechanism for providers to contribute to ongoing NDIS structural reform, we very much appreciated the first of several planned meetings of representative *providers of last resort* convened by the Secretary in Sydney on 14 August, that among other matters considered:

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Yours sincerely
Alliance20 and AFA Board Chairs

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From: s47E(c), 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 21 July 2026 2:17 PM
To: s47E(c), 47F
Subject: FW: SIL Viability Payment Eligibility [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: ABEL, Alexander <Alexander.ABEL@Health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2026 8:28 AM
To: s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au>
Cc: s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au>
Subject: FW: SIL Viability Payment Eligibility [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: SCHAFER, Ross <Ross.SCHAFER@Health.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 March 2026 11:19 AM
To: ABEL, Alexander <Alexander.ABEL@Health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au>; s47E(c), s47F @health.gov.au>
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Provider Advisory Group follow up.

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From: Martin Laverty s47F @aruma.com.au>
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Subject: SIL Viability Payment Eligibility

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Good morning Colleagues,

Thank you for the discussion yesterday to respond to the question asked of the 19 February Provider Advisory Group meeting to recommend s47E(d) For reporting back to the next PAG meeting, we agreed yesterday two options:

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Our discussion noted:

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I propose to report these outcomes of our discussion to the next PAG meeting, and encourage further consideration of these options over coming weeks.

Regards

Dr Martin Laverty
Chief Executive Officer

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Aruma is a child safe organisation. We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands, seas, and communities in which we provide our services. We would also like to pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and the continuing cultural influence they have on Australia.

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Australian Government

Commonwealth Individualised Grant Agreement

between

the Commonwealth represented by

Department of Social Services

and

Ability First - Australia Limited

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The Commonwealth Acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, water, culture and community. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present. We acknowledge that our services are provided on many Indigenous lands. We continue to recognise that to achieve true reconciliation we need to work together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, staff and stakeholders to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the community.

Grant Agreement

Once completed, this document, together with each set of Grant Details and the Commonwealth Individualised Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	Ability First - Australia Limited
Legal entity type (e.g. individual, incorporated association, company, partnership etc)	Company
Trading or business name	
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	
Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers	103 184 550
Australian Business Number (ABN)	33 103 184 550
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)	Y
Date from which GST registration was effective	
Registered office (physical/postal)	Level 39 259 George Street SYDNEY NSW 2000
Relevant business place (if different)	
Telephone	02 8259 7725
Fax	
Email	info@abilityfirst.org.au

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by Department of Social Services
71 Athllon Drive, GREENWAY ACT 2900
ABN 36 342 015 855

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Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter into this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with one or more Grants for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use each Grant and undertake each Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

(a) this document;

(b) the Individualised Supplementary Terms;

(c) the Individualised Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);

(d) the Grant Details;

(e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

Each set of Grant Details, including Supplementary Terms (if any), only applies to the particular Grant and Activity covered by that set of Grant Details and a reference to the 'Agreement' in the Grant Details or the Supplementary Terms is a reference to the Agreement in relation to that particular Grant and Activity. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to each Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

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Grant Details

Organisation ID:	s47G(1)(a)
Agreement ID:	
Program Schedule ID:	

A. Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Grant is to:

Build innovative ways to increase the independence, social and community participation of people with a disability. Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) will deliver on this objective by building individual capacity to live an ordinary life and creating opportunities in the community that benefit all Australians with disability, their carers and families. Ultimately, ILC will help to drive the change required across all sections of the community to support the inclusion of people with disability.

This Grant is being provided under, and these Grant Details form part of, the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

The Grant is being provided as part of the Information Linkages and Capacity Building program.

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Activity Title: Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Social and Community Participation

Activity ID: s47G(1)(a)

B. Activity

The Grantee must comply with:

- DSS Departmental Policies*;
- the relevant Guidelines*;
- the Data Exchange Protocols*; and
- any other service compliance requirements applicable for the Activities the Grantee is funded to deliver.

*Any or all of these may be amended by the department from time to time. If the department amends these the department will notify the Grantee in writing at least one month prior to the changes coming into effect. The latest version can be found on the DSS website dss.gov.au.

The Grantee must ensure that cultural and linguistic diversity is not a barrier for people targeted by this Activity, by providing access to language services where appropriate.

Use of Location, Service Information and Attributed Funding Information

The information listed below on location, service area and any attributed the department's funding amounts will be used by the department to provide reports, by region, on the department's funding.

The information may be published on a Commonwealth of Australia website.

Activity Details

This Activity is to pilot a national Assistive Technology (AT) rental, subscription and refurbishment program with the aim of improving the personal mobility of people with disability to enable them to maximise social and community participation. Central to the pilot is increasing the access, and affordability of AT, and the capacity of people with a disability so they can participate more readily in their communities.

The AT rental, subscription and refurbishment pilot program will be run across South Australia, Tasmania and, as the pilot progresses, across other AFA member organisations for an initial period of 2 years, followed by a detailed evaluation. The planning phases of the pilot program will be guided by co-design principles, with the voice of people with disability central to the pilot's approach. During this pilot, there will be direct outcomes and benefits achieved for participants, as well as savings to the NDIS, government AT funding schemes and across the care and support economy.

In undertaking this Activity, the Grantee must:

- establish an AT Pilot Program Reference Group, including representation of priority groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, women with disability and LGBTIQA+ people with disability.
- draw on the Ability Forum (operated by AFA) to test the program implementation and in undertaking an evaluation of the program outcomes.
- pilot an end-to-end AT approach which includes hire, loan, subscription and refurbishment options including:

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- AT Hub – An AFA member who takes the lead as the management, maintenance, and distribution centre responsible for the overall AT hire, loan, subscribe and refurbishment model.
- AT Spokes – AFA members who establish AT specific centres (shopfronts) and offer loan, subscription and refurbishment services, supported by the AT Hub.

- In undertaking this Activity, the Grantee must ensure the Different Models trialled:
  - Assistive Technology Loan and Rental Pools - an equipment loan and rental that is designed to meet a person's short to medium-term needs. For example, a wheelchair for a young child who will likely grow out of it within 6-12months. Items from this pool may be centrally funded and provided to participants at no cost. Alternatively, a rental amount may be applied for higher-cost items above what is funded by the ILC Grant. At the end of the usage period, the equipment returned to the equipment pool for re-circulation.
  - Equipment Refurbishment – The restoration of higher value AT that can be repurposed and re-circulated to extend its useful life. Refurbishment would encourage existing AT in the market to be returned so that it can be reconditioned and customised for new users. Complex refurbishment requires elevated levels of technical and clinical skills along with bespoke facilities, equipment and warehousing. If delivered successfully, refurbishment reduces the requirement for AT to be purchased brand new for each user.
  - Subscription – A set amount above what may be funded by the ILC Grant that allows customers to trail and loan a number of different AT that meet their needs. The pilot would test different approaches including subscription period, AT complexity and appropriate terms and conditions to ensure the feasibility of a long-term subscription model.
  - Trial to Buy – A pathway where an AT item is trialled (rented) for a short period of time to allow time to review its effectiveness in supporting an individual. If suitable, the item can then be purchased with the rental funding offset against the purchase price. If the item is not suitable, it can be returned during the trial period at no cost to the participant or the funding scheme.
  - Hybrid Models – The trial will include how combinations of the proposed models may benefit a person in different circumstances. For example, loan pools may be useful for initial short-term needs and then transitioning to 'trial to buy' and 'refurbishment' options for higher complexity and longer-term options.
- partner with the NDIA during the establishment phase to draw on that existing data and information to undertake this pilot, and expand its availability to all people with disability.
- In undertaking this Activity the grantee must ensure the AT loan, subscription and refurbishment pilot is available to all people with disability, however this means different options for how the AT can be purchased:
  - NDIS participants – would utilise AT funding within their NDIS plans flexibly to loan, or subscribe, to best meet their needs.
  - Non-NDIS participants – people with disability who are not eligible for the NDIS are able to participate in the trail, at a subsidised rate factored into the proposed budget.
  - Trial Participation Subsidies – the trial includes funding for some subsidisation of trial, rental and refurbished equipment. The subsidies will be particularly important where there are no established funding mechanisms for trial participants. To encourage the uptake of the trial and to ensure we are able to evaluate the outcomes for all people with disability we see a subsidised model as appropriate.

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- develop a detailed Evaluation Framework will be developed during the establishment phase to identify the key outcome to be measured over the 2-year pilot. Qualitative surveys of people with disability accessing the program will be undertaken quarterly as part of the evaluation. A final report will be delivered at the conclusion of the program.

Performance Indicators

The Activity will be measured against the following Performance Indicator/s:

Performance Indicator Description	Measure
Number of clients assisted	Measured using benchmarking, comparing your achievement against similar service providers delivering comparable services, using characteristics defined in the Data Exchange Protocols
Number of events / service instances delivered	Measured using benchmarking, comparing your achievement against similar service providers delivering comparable services, using characteristics defined in the Data Exchange Protocols
Percentage of participants from priority target groups	Measured using benchmarking, comparing your achievement against similar service providers delivering comparable services, using characteristics defined in the Data Exchange Protocols
Percentage of clients achieving individual goals related to independence, participation and well-being	Measured using benchmarking, comparing your achievement against similar service providers delivering comparable services, using characteristics defined in the Data Exchange Protocols
Percentage of clients achieving improved independence, participation and well-being	Measured using benchmarking, comparing your achievement against similar service providers delivering comparable services, using characteristics defined in the Data Exchange Protocols
Activities are completed according to scope, quality, timeframes and budget defined in the Activity Work Plan	The Department and you agree that the Activity Work Plan has been completed as specified or, in case of divergence, to a satisfactory standard

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Location Information

The Activity will be delivered from the following site location/s:

	Location Type	Name	Address
1.	Direct Funded	Ability First - Australia Limited	Level 39 259 George Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Service Area Information

The Activity will service the following service area/s:

	Type	Service Area
1.	State/Territory (2016)	South Australia
2.	State/Territory (2016)	Tasmania

C. Duration of the Grant

The Activity starts on 29 April 2024 and ends on 30 December 2026, which is the **Activity Completion Date**.

The Agreement ends on 30 May 2027 or when the Commonwealth accepts all of the reports provided by the Grantee and the Grantee has repaid any Grant amount as required under this Agreement, which is the **Agreement End Date**.

D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is $4,994,700.00 excluding GST (if applicable).

A break down by Financial Year is below:

Financial Year	Amount (excl. GST if applicable)
2023-2024	s47G(1)(a)
2024-2025	
2025-2026	

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The Grantee must ensure that the Grant is held in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the Banking Act 1959 (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

The Grantee's nominated bank account into which the Grant is to be paid is:

BSB Number	s47G(1)(a)	
Financial Institution		
Account Number		
Account Name		

The Grant will be paid in instalments by the Commonwealth in accordance with the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Milestone	Anticipated date	Amount (excl. GST)	GST (if applicable)	Total (incl. GST if applicable)
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Total Amount	**$4,994,700.00**	s47G(1)(a)

Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to create the following reports in the form specified and to provide the reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the following.

Milestone	Information to be included	Due Date
Activity Work Plan	Output-level detail for the funded Activity negotiated with the Department and captured in an Activity Work Plan as per Item E.2	31 May 2024
Activity Work Plan Report	A report with progress against Activity Work Plan, compliance or other reporting as per Item E.4	15 August 2024
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from Activity Start Date to 30 June 2024 as per Item E.3	31 October 2024
Performance Report	Finalisation of Data Exchange period 1 data (1 July to 31 December), as set out in the Data Exchange Protocols, as per Item E.1	30 January 2025
Child Safe Statement of Compliance (Clause CB9)	Child safe Statement of Compliance as per Item E.4 and specified in supplementary clause CB9.	31 March 2025
Performance Report	Finalisation of Data Exchange period 2 data (1 January to 30 June), as set out in the Data Exchange Protocols, as per Item E.1	30 July 2025

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Activity Work Plan Report	A report with progress against Activity Work Plan, compliance or other reporting as per Item E.4	15 August 2025
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 as per Item E.3	31 October 2025
Performance Report	Finalisation of Data Exchange period 1 data (1 July to 31 December), as set out in the Data Exchange Protocols, as per Item E.1	30 January 2026
Child Safe Statement of Compliance (Clause CB9)	Child safe Statement of Compliance as per Item E.4 and specified in supplementary clause CB9.	31 March 2026
Performance Report	Finalisation of Data Exchange period 2 data (1 January to 30 June), as set out in the Data Exchange Protocols, as per Item E.1	30 July 2026
Activity Work Plan Report	A report with progress against Activity Work Plan, compliance or other reporting as per Item E.4	15 August 2026
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Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from 1 July 2026 to 30 December 2026 as per Item E.3	30 April 2027
Final Report	A report of outcomes for the funded Activity based on monitoring and data collection methods agreed with between the Parties as per Item E.4	30 April 2027

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E.1 Performance Reports

Data Exchange Reporting

The Grantee must provide client and service delivery information to the Community Grants Hub via the Data Exchange in accordance with the Data Exchange Protocols, within 30 days of the completion of a reporting period.

The Grantee must provide the data required within the Data Exchange through an approved mechanism as outlined in the Data Exchange Protocols.

The Grantee are required to finalise the submission of data within the Data Exchange for each reporting period within 30 days of the reporting period ceasing, as set out in the reporting schedule above.

For this Activity, participation in the "partnership approach" is a requirement of funding. By participating, the Grantee agrees to provide some additional information in exchange for the receipt of regular and relevant

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reports. The main focus of the partnership approach is collecting information about the outcomes achieved by clients as a result of service delivery. The partnership approach also includes some extended data items that provide additional information about client demographics, needs and circumstances.

For this Activity, the Grantee is required to participate in the Partnership Approach

The Data Exchange Protocols can be found at https://dex.dss.gov.au/data-exchange-protocols/.

E.2 Activity Work Plan

The Activity Work Plan will be negotiated between the Grantee and the department from time to time as agreed by both Parties during the life of the Agreement. Using the department's Activity Work Plan template it will specify the Activity Details, deliverables, timeframes for delivery and measures of achievement. It may include a budget or other administrative controls intended to help manage activity risks. Once the Activity Work Plan has been agreed by both Parties it will form part of the Agreement.

The detailed deliverables and activities the Grantee will undertake to fulfil this Activity must be provided as part of the Grantee's Activity Work Plan, to be developed in consultation with, and provided to the department as specified in Item E. Once mutually agreed the Activity Work Plan will form part of the Agreement. The Grantee is required to report against any performance measures set out in the Activity Work Plan within 30 days of the reporting period ceasing.

E.3 Financial Acquittal Reports

Audited Financial Acquittal Report

The Grantee is required to provide an Annual Independently Audited Financial Acquittal Report for each financial year funded under this Grant Agreement covering the Activity/ies in this Schedule (in accordance with clause 10 of the Commonwealth Individualised Grant Conditions).

E.4 Other Reports

Activity Work Plan Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Activity Work Plan Report means a document to be completed by the Grantee, on a template or system provided by the department.

The Activity Work Plan Report template asks for progress on requirements in the Activity Work Plan for the reporting period including any compliance requirements.

Child Safe Statement of Compliance (Clause CB9)

The Child Safe Statement of Compliance is an annual Statement made by the Grantee's organisation. The Grantee's statement confirms that the Grantee has delivered the Activity consistent with the Child Safe Supplementary Term at clause CB9 of the Grantee's Agreement. The period of compliance is for 1 January to 31 December each year.

Final Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Final Report means a document to be completed by the Grantee, on a template provided by the department.

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F. Party representatives and address for notices

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	Mr Andrew Rowley
Position	Chief Executive Officer
Business hours telephone	s47F
E-mail	s47F abilityfirst.org.au

Commonwealth representative and email address

Business hours telephone	Not applicable
E-mail	s47E(d) communitygrants.gov.au

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

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Disclaimer and explanatory notes

Disclaimer

By executing this agreement you agree that you have read and accept this disclaimer, including the explanatory notes on how to duly execute this agreement. You warrant that your identity has been verified, you have legal capacity and authority to enter into this agreement, and you are signing in accordance with all legal instruments that apply to you and/or the legal entity which you represent.

Explanatory notes

- If you are an **individual**, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink in the presence of a witness (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date).
- If you are a **partnership**, the signatory must be all partners, or one partner with the authority to sign on behalf of all partners receiving the grant. You should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
- If you are a **proprietary company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)**, the signatory must be the sole director and company secretary, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of the sole director and company secretary acting as a witness (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are a **company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)**, the signatories must be two directors, or one director and one company secretary, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of two directors, or one director and one company secretary acting as a witness, or if your company has only one director – that director and a suitable witness, (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are a **company incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth)** (CATSI Act), the signatories must be two directors, one director and one company secretary, or if your company has only one director – that director, as required under section 99-5 of the CATSI Act. If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of two directors, or one director and one company secretary, or if your company has only one director – that director. For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink.
- If you are an **individual trustee of a trust**, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink in the presence of a witness (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date). You must sign in your capacity as a trustee and not the trust. The trustee is the legal entity entering into the agreement. The words 'as trustee for [name of trust]' should be included in the signature block.
- If you are a **corporate trustee of a trust**, the signatory must be the sole director and company secretary in the proprietary company, or two directors in the company, or one director and one company secretary in the company, as required under section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). If required by your Constitution, please affix your **company seal** in the presence of the sole director and company secretary in the proprietary company, or two directors in the company, or one director and one company secretary in the company, acting as witness (the witness date must be the same as the date the company seal is affixed). For execution by company seal, you must download, print and sign the agreement in wet-ink. The company must sign in its capacity as a trustee and not the trust. The trustee is the legal entity entering into the agreement. The words 'as trustee for [name of trust]' should be included in the signature block.

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- If you are an **incorporated association**, you must refer to the legislation incorporating the association as it will specify how documents must be executed. This process may differ between each State and Territory. If an authorised person is executing a document on behalf of the incorporated association, you should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
- If you are a **university**, the signatory can be an officer authorised by the legislation creating the university to enter into legally binding documents. A witness to the signature is required (the witness date must be the same as the signatory date).

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Organisation ID:	s47G(1)(a)
Agreement ID:	
Program Schedule ID:	

Signatures

Executed as an Agreement

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia represented by and acting through the Department of Social Services, ABN 36 342 015 855, by an authorised representative in the presence of:

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(Name of authorised representative - print)

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(Signature of authorised representative)

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(Position of authorised representative)

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(Name of witness in full - print)

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(Signature of witness)

20/03/2024

Signed for and on behalf of Ability First - Australia Limited, ABN 33 103 184 550 in accordance with its rules, by its representative(s) who warrant(s) that they are authorised to sign this Agreement:

ANDREW ROWLEY CEO

(Name and position held by representative - print)

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(Signature of representative)

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(Name and position held by second representative/Name of witness - print)

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