

National Disability Services' Strategic Plan 2020-21

National Disability Services (NDS) is Australia's peak body for non-government disability service providers.

Our purpose

National Disability Services is Australia's peak body to advance the disability sector.

How we work

- NDS promotes and recognises members' expertise, experience and commitment to supporting people with disability to lead ordinary lives.
- NDS is vigorous and bold in our pursuit of just outcomes. In doing so, we champion the rights of all people with disability as valued members of our community with the right to be in control of their lives.
- NDS advocates with a focus on being non-partisan and informed always by evidence.

We support our members in the work they do

National Disability Services supports our members by:

- Ensuring the Australian disability sector is funded and supported appropriately to deliver quality disability services for Australians with disability;
- Ensuring members have a strong and influential voice on issues that matter to them;
- Promoting the value of, and working to create a diverse, sustainable, vibrant and mission-driven sector, working for and with all Australians with disability;
- Resourcing our members to be activists in their communities on issues which matter;
- Equipping members to be strong and viable disability service providers;
- Providing members with access to information and analysis they need to make good business decisions;
- Identifying and leveraging opportunities for innovation in the disability sector;
- Being fearless and independent in our advocacy for sound public policies which ensure people with disability are able to access quality services and supports; and
- Working with our members to craft a vision for an Australian Disability service sector, underpinned by universal human rights and offering world-class services and supports for people with disability which make a real change in their lives.

Our members' priorities drive our work

National Disability Services is committed to working with and supporting our members to elevate and champion their priorities and as providers of quality disability services.

These priorities include ensuring that:

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is working as intended and that NDS and our members are consulted and influential in national conversations on the NDIS;
- Our sector is influential in the development of a new National Disability Agreement and National Disability Strategy;
- All Australians recognise and understand the positive impact of social capital delivered by not-for-profit disability service providers in their communities;
- Australia has a flexible, capable and growing disability workforce, able to meet the needs of people with disability, through attractive jobs and the careers they want;
- People with disability have access to a greater range of employment opportunities; and
- All Australian Governments and their agencies, are working to reduce unnecessary red tape and the regulatory burden on our sector.

Our work and advocacy is informed by research, data, evidence and intelligence

National Disability Services will continue working to develop and implement initiatives focused on:

- Data and intelligence to support our advocacy with and on behalf of our members,
- Building the evidence base for further investment in the sectors' future; and
- Positioning NDS to play a key market stewardship role ensuring a non-government sector exists and is providing the right services, in the right place, at the right time for the right price.

NDS exists for and because of our members

As Australia's peak body for non-government disability service providers, National Disability Services is committed to:

- Attracting and maintaining a diverse, sector-wide membership which speaks with one voice nationally;
- Influencing Australian governments and decision-makers in national and local conversations on disability issues;
- Ensuring our members are informed and resourced to continue working as viable disability service providers; and
- Ensuring we have in place the revenue and resources needed to do what our members expect of us as their national peak body.