

SDA Update Meeting with NDS: Issues Facing SDA Providers in Victoria

Tuesday 2 March 2021
2 - 3 pm



Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction:** Sarah Fordyce, State Manager Victoria, NDS
- **Issues Facing SDA Providers in Victoria:** Heidi Cheung, Senior Policy and Projects Officer - Quality and Safeguarding, NDS
- **SDA Data and Insights:** Joseph Connellan, Director, MC Two Pty Ltd
- **Group Discussion:** All (Facilitated by Sarah Fordyce)
- **Next Steps:** Sarah Fordyce
 - **Upcoming Survey**
 - **SDA Advisory Group Meeting:** 5 May 2021 (2 - 3pm AEDT)

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Background – what we already know?

- All SDA providers must be **registered with the NDIS Commission**
- An SDA provider does not need to own the dwelling, but must have a **written acknowledgement** that the owner approves the dwelling to be enrolled as SDA
- An SDA provider can deliver other services (SIL) and must have **robust conflict of interest policies and strategies** in place
- In July 2019, SDA residential agreements became part of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**
- If your SDA has been regazetted by DHHS, the rules and duties set out in the **Disability Act 2006 still apply to existing residential statements**

Key Issue #1:

Q: If a house has three residents with SDA, and one applies for a vacancy but does not have SDA, is the provider able to offer them the vacancy? Can one house accommodate a combination of SDA residency agreements and a residential tenancy agreement?

A: A house cannot have two different agreements.

Key Issue #2:

Q. If someone's application for SDA has been rejected as they are deemed ineligible, yet their intellectual disability compromises capacity to independently sign a tenancy agreement, are there clear instructions on how to proceed?

Key Issue #3:

Q: How should the SDA provider manage multiple services entering the property, ensuring safety of other occupants (e.g. fire, health, physical danger)? Or is this the responsibility of the onsite SIL provider?

Key Issue #4:

Q: Should SIL providers pay occupancy fees?

A: No.

The On-site Overnight Assistance (OOA) is funded through the NDIS Participant's plan to the SDA provider. Hence, the SIL provider should not pay rent or other expenses relevant to occupancy.

Key Issue #5:

Q: Can a resident of a supported residential service (SRS) use their NDIS funds to contribute to their rent/fees payable to the SRS?

A: NDIS participants are responsible for their day-to-day living costs including rent. There are some limited circumstances where the NDIS may contribute to these costs. See the [NDIA Home and Living](#) webpage for more information.

Thank you

SDA Overview - Victoria

DATA AND INSIGHTS Joseph Connellan – Director, MC Two Pty Ltd

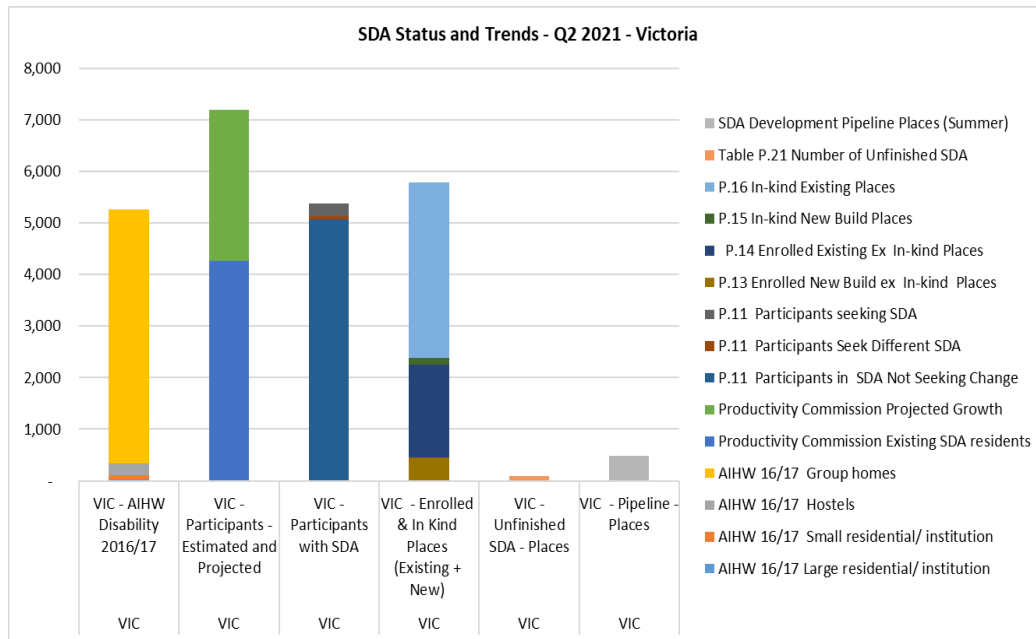


This Presentation

- Purpose
 - To provide insights into NDIS SDA Data about Victoria
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Data Overview - Victoria

- Target 7,200 SDA places (*plus vacancy capacity*)
- 16/17 there were 5,270 people living in SDA-like (*but 4,260 estimate existing SDA +24%*)
- Growth was 2,940 (*but NDIS has expanded and continuation of support added*)
- 5,128 with SDA in plan (*but 60 seeking to move*) and 258 seeking access (*fewer to move*)
- 5,204 of existing places plus 588 new (*Small level of growth*)
- 3,536 Places in InKind (*Large Vic Govt portfolio but many places not enrolled*)
- Summer reported development pipeline of 478 (*NDIS reporting 88 places*)



Questions Comments

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Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) SA3 Market Reports

Published ABS Statistical Area 3 (SA3) data provides valuable insights into status and trends into individual SDA markets of between 30,000 and 130,000 people.

The report will cover

- Data sources
- SA3 Maps and Population
- New and Existing SDA
- Enrolled and In Kind SDA
- Dwellings and Places
- Types and Design Categories
- Participant Status and Places Sought

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Group Discussion



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