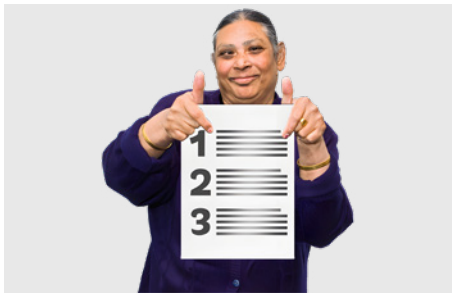


# NDIS Participant Reference Group Meeting Summary



This is the **meeting summary** from the NDIS Participant Reference Group.

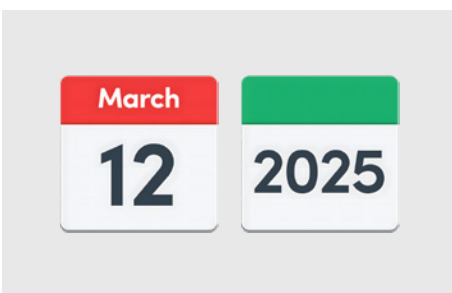
We say **PRG** for short.



A **meeting summary** says what we did at a PRG meeting.

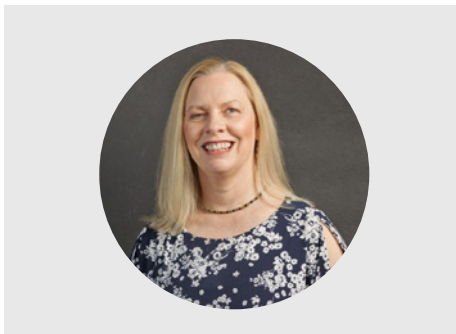


It has important news we share with the community.



This meeting was on Wednesday 12 March 2025.

# Welcome



Donna Purcell said welcome to everyone.

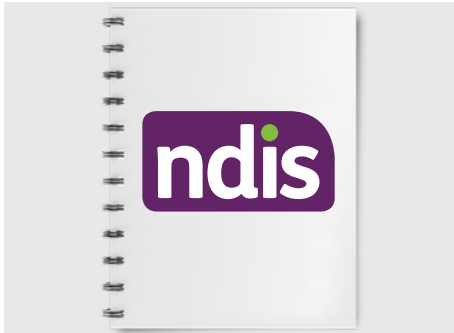


She was the **meeting chair**.



The **meeting chair** is the person who runs the meeting.

# Accountability statement



We talked about the **accountability statement** the NDIA and PRG wrote together.



An **accountability statement** says what

- PRG members will do in the group
- We ask people who come to give a talk to do
- We want from the **PRG Secretariat**.

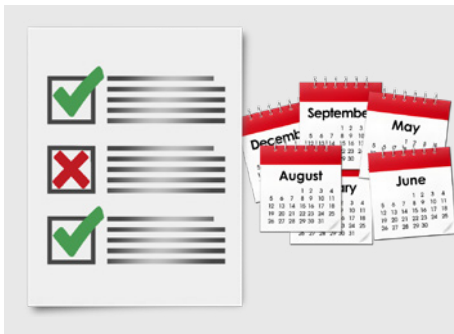


The **PRG Secretariat** are the team at the NDIA who look after the PRG meetings.



The NDIA asked members to read it and say if anything needs to change.

# Long term plan for changes to the NDIS



We talked about our **long term** plan for how using the NDIS can be better for participants.



**Long term** means they are changes that will happen over a long time.



The ideas for the changes come from the **NDIS review**.



The **NDIS review** looked at the issues with the NDIS and how it can be better.



There will be new supports called **foundational supports**.



**Foundational supports** are services and supports for people with disability.



They are mainly for people who are not on the NDIS.



But people who are on the NDIS can use them too.



The **Department of Social Services** will set up the foundational supports.



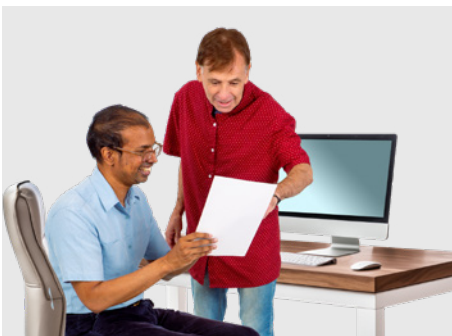
Members shared what they think about the long term changes.



Members said NDIS plans need to be right for foundational supports to work.



The NDIA said we are doing work to make sure NDIS plans will work well.



The NDIA will work with participants over the next 5 years to make the NDIS better.



The NDIA wrote information about the changes to the NDIS together with

- Participants
- People from disability services.



The NDIA shared the information in the meeting.



Members said the words in the information are hard to understand.



Members said many disability services have closed.



They said many people are worried and do not know where to go for support.



They said places like schools have not made a plan for when the NDIS stops giving support.



Members said all NDIS staff need to know the participant is the most important person.



Members said they need all the information on what the NDIA plan to do.



In the meeting members asked the NDIA how they will use **co design** for the long term changes.



**Co design** is when the NDIA work together with participants.

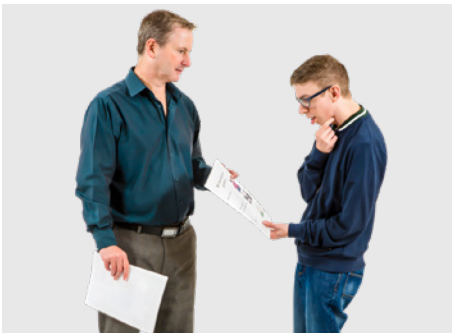


The NDIA will ask the co design team to come to a PRG meeting to talk about their work.

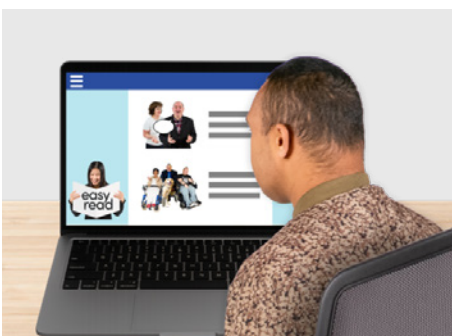
# Communication tool



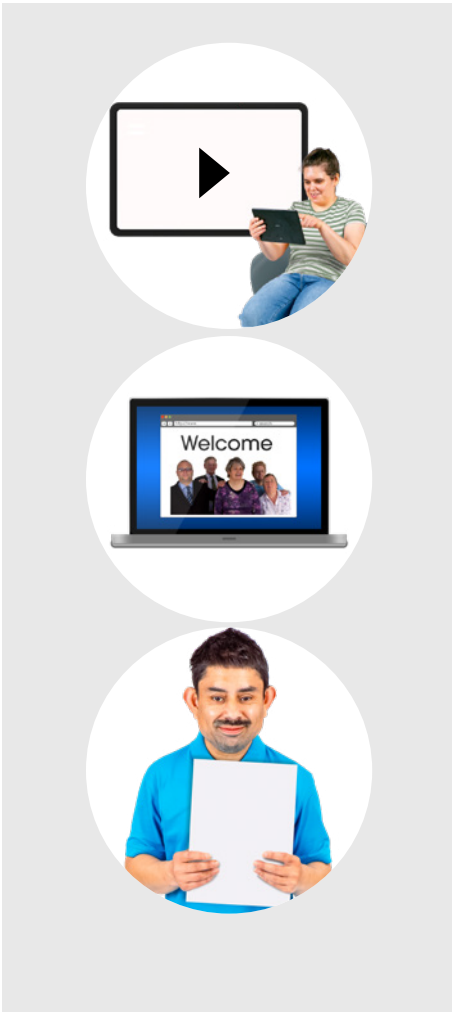
The NDIA are working on a **communication tool** for all staff to use.



A **communication tool** tells NDIA staff how they should give information.



Members said people need to get information in different ways that work for them.

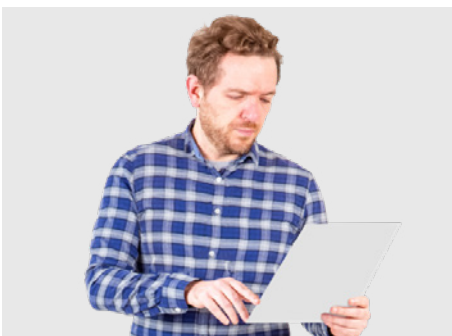


The NDIA should give information in lots of ways like

- Videos
- Websites
- Paper.



Some online information about the NDIS is old and needs to be checked.



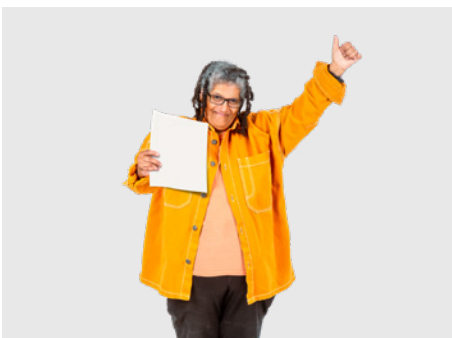
The NDIS has been using some hard words for a long time like **reassessment**.



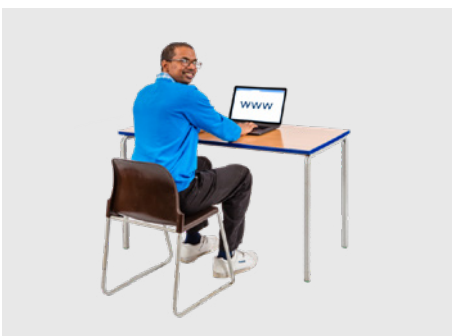
Members said participants might still not know what these words mean.



They said the NDIS still needs to remember to say what all the hard words mean.



Members said there needs to be information in ways that are easy to read for everyone.



They also said the information must be easy to find.

## End of the meeting



Donna said thank you to PRG members for their time.

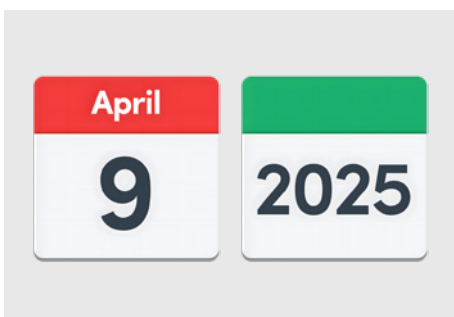


The co design team gave everyone their email address.



They said PRG members can send more feedback if they think of other things.

## Next meeting



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 April.

# Who did this Easy Read



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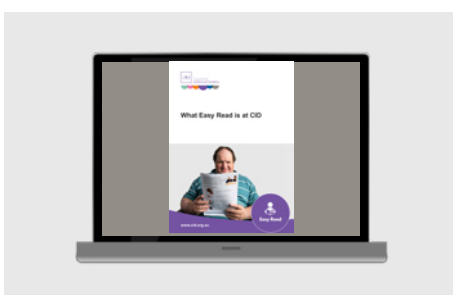
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