



NDIS Pricing Arrangement Reference Group Membership Terms of Reference

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Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) supports the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) through the application of consistent, evidence-based methodology to pricing assessment and review. The NDIA's pricing work program aims to balance participant outcomes, provider viability and scheme sustainability.
- 1.2 The Pricing Arrangement Reference Group (PARG) will provide independent, expert advice to inform the NDIA's development of recommendations pertaining to NDIS pricing policy and arrangements. The PARG holds no decision-making power in relation to NDIS pricing policy and arrangements.
- 1.3 The primary role of the PARG is to provide independent peer review and constructive critique to inform the NDIA's pricing work. This includes, but is not limited to, reviewing and providing feedback on the NDIA's analysis, methodology, assumptions, findings and proposed recommendations. The PARG is not responsible for developing pricing policy, formulating recommendations, making decisions or determining NDIA priorities. Responsibility for these matters remains with the NDIA.
- 1.4 In performing its peer review function, the PARG may be requested to provide feedback on NDIA written products, including Terms of Reference, consultation papers, Annual Pricing Review reports, consultation feedback reports, other pricing-related work associated with deliverables under the NDIA's [Three-Year Pricing Workplan](#) and other pricing documentation developed by the NDIA.
- 1.5 On 14 May 2026, the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 (the Bill) was introduced to Parliament. Among other things, the Bill proposes amendments to the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* to provide the Minister for Disability and the NDIS with the power to make a pricing determination and to confer on the NDIA a specific function to provide advice to the Minister for the purpose of making a pricing determination.
- 1.6 The PARG is an advisory body established by the NDIA to support the NDIA's pricing functions and will operate alongside existing formal governance arrangements and forums relevant to the NDIA's pricing functions. The role of the PARG is limited to providing independent advice and peer review; it does not exercise any statutory, regulatory or decision-making functions.

2. Membership

- 2.1 The PARG will comprise up to 4 independent members and will be chaired by NDIA personnel.
- 2.2 Members will be appointed for their individual expertise for terms of up to 3 years. At the conclusion of a term, members may apply for a further term

through an open and merit-based selection process, at the discretion of the NDIA.

- 2.3 Members may come from a range of professional backgrounds, including academia, economics, regulatory, policy, research, service delivery or related fields.
- 2.4 Membership of the PARG is intended to reflect a complementary mix of experience, expertise and skills, as outlined below. Individual members are not expected to demonstrate all of the identified experience, expertise and skills; rather, the PARG should provide a collective breadth of expertise required to support independent peer review.

Essential requirements of the PARG collectively:

- Declaration and appropriate mitigation of any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest to ensure the integrity and independence of the PARG's advice.
- Ability to exercise independent and objective judgement in the provision of advice and peer review.
- Strong analytical skills, including the ability to provide constructive review and advice on assumptions, methodologies, findings and recommendations.
- Experience critically reviewing and interpreting from a range of quantitative and qualitative sources.
- Understanding of the broader policy, regulatory, service delivery and market environment relevant to the care and support economy context.

Desirable requirements of the PARG collectively:

- Experience contributing to, reviewing or advising on significant policy, regulatory, funding, pricing or reform initiatives.
- Understanding of implementation, operational or market considerations that may influence the feasibility and effectiveness of proposed pricing changes.

3. Confidentiality and disclosure of interests

- 3.1 Independent members will be required to enter into a Confidentiality Deed governing the use and disclosure of confidential and personal information.
- 3.2 Members must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the relevant circumstances. Disclosures will be recorded and managed through appropriate mitigation measures to ensure the integrity and independence of the PARG's advice.

4. Meeting and remuneration arrangements

- 4.1 Meetings will be held as required via videoconference.
- 4.2 The NDIA will provide secretariat support, including distribution of agendas and any required papers prior to meetings, and recording of minutes and actions.
- 4.3 A quorum is three members, including the Chair.
- 4.4 Independent members will be paid per meeting at rates determined in writing in their contract.
- 4.5 Members are expected to read all papers before attending the meeting, to act in a collegiate and collaborative manner during discussions, and to provide accurate and timely information to support NDIA decision-making.
- 4.6 Members are not entitled to remuneration where they hold a full-time office or appointment or are otherwise employed by a State, public statutory corporation established by a State (other than a tertiary education institution), company limited by guarantee beneficially owned by a State, or company wholly owned by a State or a public statutory corporation.

5. Review

- 5.1 These Terms of Reference will be reviewed as required.

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