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The National Mental Health Sector Reference Group was established to develop a strong working partnership between the mental health sector and the NDIA.

Membership

Membership includes representatives from consumers, carers, peak associations, NDIS Independent Advisory Council members and key government representatives including Mental Health Commissions.

Current members:

- Judith Drake – Consumer Representative
- Kerry Hawkins – Community Mental Health Australia
- Darren Munday – National Mental Health Consumer Alliance
- Professor Sharon Lawn – Lived Experience Australia
- Carolyn Nikoloski – Mental Health Australia
- Derek James – Department Health, Disability and Ageing
- Phil Watson – Victorian Department of Health
- Vince Ponzio – NSW Ministry of Health
- Dr Donna Gillies – NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
- Dr Bill Pring – The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- Dr Leighton Jay – NDIS Independent Advisory Council
- Amanda Curran – Allied Health Professions Australia
- Kylie Coventry – Australian Psychological Society
- Katrina Armstrong – Mental Health Carers Australia
- David McGrath – National Mental Health Commission
- Sam Shipley – Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Meeting summaries

2026 meeting summaries

- 10 June 2026 meeting summary
- 4 March 2026 meeting summary

Previous meeting summaries

- 19 November 2025 meeting summary
- 8 September 2025 meeting summary
- 9 July 2025 meeting summary
- 14 November 2024 meeting summary
- 19 September 2024 meeting summary
- 13 June 2024 meeting summary
- 22 November 2023 meeting summary
- 21 June 2023 meeting summary
- 22 March 2023 meeting summary
- 14 September 2022 meeting summary
- 20 July 2022 meeting summary
- 5 April 2022 meeting summary
- 25 November 2021 meeting summary
- 15 April 2021 meeting summary
- 26 November 2020 meeting summary
- September 2020 meeting summary
- June 2020 meeting summary
- 17 April 2018 meeting summary

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