

The Autism Advisory Group (AAG) was established in 2018 to provide advice and guidance to the NDIA on a broad range of matters related to how to deliver the best outcomes for Autistic children and adults through the NDIS.

The AAG provides an important advisory function to the NDIA in the following areas:

- Provide expert advice to the NDIA on delivering the best outcomes for Autistic adults and children.
- Identify emerging issues and concerns in relation to the design, development and implementation of the NDIS for Autistic people, and collaborate with the NDIA to determine solutions.
- Assist the NDIA to provide clear and consistent communications to Autistic people and their families about the NDIS.

## Membership

Membership includes representatives from the autism community, industry bodies and professional associations.

Current members:

- Andrew Davis – Autism Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)
- Jacqui Borland –Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)
- Jim Mullan – Amaze
- Jenny Karavolos – Australian Autism Alliance
- Chris Varney – Australian Autism Alliance
- Katharine Annear – Autistic Self Advocacy Network of Australian and New Zealand
- Dr Emma Goodall – South Australian Office for Autism (ex-officio member)

## Communiques

The AAG may decide to issue communiques from time to time about its work.

### June 2021 communique

On 17 June 2021 the Autism Advisory Group met to discuss the Agency's consultation on proposed approach to early interventions for Autistic children.

[Read the full June 2021 communique.](#)

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## August 2019 communique

On 1 August 2019 the Autism Advisory Group met to discuss implementing the Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) remediation plan to resolve delays in accessing supports for children with disability, particularly Autistic children.

[Read the full August 2019 communique.](#)

## July 2018 communique

The Autism Advisory Group met on 6 July 2018. Four key priorities were collaboratively developed and the group committed to establish a work plan to guide priorities and stakeholder engagement program, along with a 12 month calendar of meeting dates.

[Read the full July 2018 communique.](#)

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