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The NDIA would like to reassure participants and their families the entities which have been subject of media reporting today in relation to alleged fraud and forgery, are not eligible for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) funding.

LBA Capital, Living Bright Australia and Living Bright have no enrolled SDA dwellings, as such they have not, and cannot, receive any NDIS SDA funding and no NDIS participant has been affected.

NDIS participants and their families should be assured a range of processes are in place to ensure their interests and ability to access appropriate housing are protected.

SDA buildings must meet specific design standards for safety and accessibility, be fully constructed, and enrolled as an approved dwelling with a participant in residence, before SDA plan funds can be claimed.

SDA funds are not paid to developers in advance. The NDIS does not provide seed funding or capital to registered SDA providers to acquire land, or to finance construction.

Fraud is a crime. Anyone who is aware that fraud is being committed against the NDIS should contact the police or the NDIS fraud hotline on 1800 650 717.

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