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We produce evidence that is used to support positive participant outcomes by ensuring policies, practices and priorities are informed by trustworthy and robust evidence. It contributes to the discovery of new ways of working and innovation to improve the lives of people with disability.

This enables the Scheme to be effective, now and into the future.

We also partner with academic institutions and research bodies to drive and shape the national and international disability research agenda and to develop insights that improve outcomes for people with disability.

Our [Research and Evaluation Strategy 2022 to 2027](#) sets out a pathway to build and mobilise evidence to enhance the NDIA, and shape innovative services and supports that optimise the lives of participants.

The Strategy is in line with the [NDIA Corporate Plan 2022-2026](#) and [Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031](#), which highlight the importance of investing in research and innovation to improve participant outcomes.

Our research and evaluations help:

- participants become informed consumers, fully equipped with the information they need to get the most out of their plans;
- inform and strengthen policies and practices and contribute to the advancement of provider markets;
- ensure we are supporting participants to receive best practice supports and services that help them pursue their goals; and
- improve participants' accessibility to innovative supports.

The NDIA established a Research and Evaluation Branch in March 2020. The Branch has six areas of specialities:

1. Evidence Synthesis and Innovation Research
2. Targeted Research and Strategic Evaluation

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3. External Research Partnerships
 4. Clinical Advice and Design
 5. Managing pilots
 6. Evidence for Action

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