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The Independent Advisory Council (the Council) has published their Annual Report 2021-22 and Work Plan 2022-23. These are available on the [Council's website](#) .

About the Annual Report 2021-22

The Annual Report tells you about the advice and work Council did during 2021-2022.

It highlights Council's achievements for the year and its work to bring the views of people with disability, their families, carers and sector experts to the heart of the NDIS.

It gives you information about:

- Council's advice to the NDIA Board.
- Council's input and expertise to the NDIA.
- Principal Member and Members' views about Council's work.
- Milestones and achievements for the year.
- Past and present Council members and their experience. These are the members who helped develop Council's advice and are the voice of participants at the highest level.
- Ways Council has worked according to its Operating Model and Work Plan.
- Ways Council has worked to provide transparent and accessible communications.

The Annual Report helps to maintain the accountability and performance of Council's work.

About the Council's Work Plan 2022-23

The Work Plan guides the Council on the work they are doing during 2022-2023.

It focuses on 6 priorities:

- Putting participants back at the centre of the NDIS.
- Supporting effective NDIS plans and quality participant outcomes.
- Connect and collaborate with other government agencies, outside the NDIA.
- Provide transparent and accessible communications.
- Track and oversee the implementation of our advice.
- Ongoing collaboration with NDIA projects and processes.

As part of this plan, Council aims to deliver advice to the NDIA Board that improves the NDIS for the best participant outcomes.

The Council also aims to strengthen community ties and trust through their Work Plan. They will do this by working with:

- Disability Representative and Carer Organisations
- State and territory disability councils
- The broader disability community.

The Council will also work together as part of the [NDIA's co-design work](#) .

Council's Work Plan is their guide. It maintains the accountability and performance of their work. It is also flexible and may change throughout the year based on Council and NDIA priorities.

About the Independent Advisory Council

Council's role, outlined in the NDIS Act, is to give independent advice to the NDIA Board. Council's advice aims to improve the NDIS, participant experience and outcomes.

The Council comprises of Principal Member, Leah Van Poppel and up to 12 Members. Council members represent a wide range of disability and advocacy sectors, bringing their own lived experience or expertise of disability.

They are the voice of the participants at the highest level, bringing skills, expertise or knowledge that will help Council perform its function.

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