



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME**

**NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Friday 28 June 2024**

**Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House  
Canberra**

| Time            | Witness  |
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| 8.30 am         | <b>Blind Citizens Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 45</i> )<br>Dr Corey Crawford, National Policy Officer<br>Mr Mark Warrington, National Policy Committee member<br>Mr Ross Hurford, National Policy Committee member<br><br><b>Vision 2020 Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 11</i> )<br>Mr Jonathan Craig, Policy Advisor  |
| 9.30 am         | <b>Rare Voices Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> )<br>Ms Fiona Lawton, Disability Advocacy Manager<br>Ms Louise Healy, Education and Advocacy Manager<br><br><b>Neurological Alliance Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 46</i> )<br>Ms Anne Wilson, CEO, Emerge Australia and Deputy Chair, Neurological Alliance Australia<br>Ms Sue Donaldson, Team Leader, MND NSW<br><br><b>MS Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 89</i> )<br>Ms Katie Snell, National Policy Manager<br><br><b>Limbs 4 Life Incorporated</b> ( <i>Submission 47</i> )<br>Ms Melissa Noonan, CEO |
| <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10.40 am        | <b>National Disability Services</b> ( <i>Submission 32</i> )<br>Ms Emily Forrest, Deputy CEO<br>Mr Benjamin Keast, CEO, Arc Disability Services, Inc.<br><br><b>Speech Pathology Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 76</i> )<br>Ms Jodie Long, Chief Executive Officer<br>Ms Erin West, Senior Policy Officer   |

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| 11.40 am        | <p><b>Australian Psychosocial Disability Collective</b> (<i>Submission 7</i>)<br/>Ms Kristin Gillespie, Member<br/>Ms Zoe Mithen, Member</p> <p><b>National Mental Health Consumer &amp; Carer Forum</b><br/>Ms Jordan Frith, Deputy Consumer Co-Chair<br/>Mr Ebenezer Swan, Senior Policy and Project Officer</p> <p><b>Tandem</b> (<i>Submission 71</i>)<br/>Ms Marie Piu, Chief Executive Officer<br/>Ms Sarah Irving, Manager Policy and Advocacy<br/>Ms Amaya Alvarez, Manager Research<br/>Ms Renee Leary, Research Officer<br/>Ms Joanna Pankhurst, Senior Policy and Project Officer</p> <p><b>Lived Experience Australia</b> (<i>Submission 30</i>)<br/>Professor Sharon Lawn, Executive Director<br/>Ms Krysti-Lee Patterson, Chair</p> |
| <b>12.40 pm</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| 1.30 pm         | <p><b>Central Australian Aboriginal Congress</b> (<i>Submission 60</i>)<br/>Ms Melanie Churchill, NDIS Allied Health Services Manager / Occupational Therapist, Allied Health<br/>Mr Andrew Jolly, Manager, Allied Health<br/>Mr Frank Curtis</p> <p><b>First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN)</b> (<i>Submission 85</i>)<br/>Mr Damian Griffis, Chief Executive Officer<br/>Ms Tahlia-Rose Vanissum, National Policy &amp; Systemic Advocacy Manager</p> <p><b>Aboriginal Health &amp; Medical Research Council of NSW</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>)<br/>Ms Nicole Turner, Chief Executive Officer</p>  |
| 2.30 pm         | <p><b>National Disability Insurance Agency</b><br/>Ms Fleur Hill, A/g Deputy CEO Service Delivery<br/>Ms Tanya Malthouse, Branch Manager, First Nations<br/>Mr Mark Wiggins, Branch Manager, Market Stewardship</p>   |
| <b>3.30 pm</b>  | <b>Adjournment</b>  |