



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia

Public Hearing in Broome – 18 April 2024

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (JSC NDIS) will travel to Western Australia to conduct a public hearing in Broome on Thursday 18 April 2024 as part of its inquiry into the NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia.

As part of its role to oversight the NDIS and make recommendations to improve the scheme, the JSC NDIS is inquiring into the experience of NDIS participants in rural, regional and remote communities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants, participants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and participants from low socio-economic backgrounds.

At its public hearing in Broome, the committee will hear directly from NDIS participants about their experience with the NDIS. The committee will also hear evidence from the Western Australian Government, community legal services, disability service providers and local health organisations.

The Chair of the JSC NDIS, Ms Libby Coker MP said:

There are over 55,000 people in Western Australia benefiting from the NDIS. It is important for the committee to hear from NDIS participants and organisations in Broome and remote areas of Western Australia including the Kimberley region to understand the unique opportunities and challenges they face. The committee is committed to understanding the experience of NDIS participants in these areas and to learning how NDIS supports and services can be improved so that people with disability can exercise choice and control over their lives and realise their aspirations. These hearings are invaluable in helping the committee formulate its recommendations to improve access and supports for people with disability in regional and remote areas.

The committee started its program of hearings for the inquiry in Darwin on Tuesday 16 April. The hearing provided the committee with greater understanding of the challenges faced by NDIS participants and the people and organisations that support them, in rural, regional and remote Northern Territory.

Further information on the inquiry and committee's work can be found on its [website](#).

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