

I have concerns with the new NDIS Bill. I am concerned that it doesn't take a whole of person approach. This will impact me, as my needs and barriers cannot be all impacted by my various conditions and disabilities and therefore will be left with inadequate support if only one disability can be "listed". Disability is also much more than just lists of diagnoses. I am also concerned about the needs assessments and that this is difficult to obtain due to various factors. I am concerned with assessments done by people who do not know me over a period of time will not reflect my needs truthfully and leave me unsupported and impact my health and wellbeing. I am also concerned about the punitive measures of the NDIS being allowed to decide that my funding was used incorrectly and chase me for the debt – this really really scares me. It was a barrier for me to access needed supports as I was scared one day I would have to pay it all back. This will in turn make it much harder for the benefits of NDIS funding to show eg with increased community and workforce participation if I am scared that it will all be taken away.