

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

NDIS participant experience in rural, regional and remote Australia Register to have your say

As part of its role to oversight the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS (committee) is inquiring into the experience of NDIS participants in rural, regional and remote communities.

The committee will travel to **Dubbo**, **NSW on 17 October** and **Bendigo**, **Victoria on 1 November** to hold public hearings where it will hear from NDIS participants and their families, service providers, community organisations and local government.

Regarding the hearings, Ms Libby Coker MP, Chair of the committee said:

The NDIS has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of Australians with disability – and their families – especially in regional communities. Our committee wants to hear about those experiences and how people on the scheme think it can be improved. These public hearings are all about building a stronger understanding of the views held by participants in rural, regional, and remote communities. The committee is looking forward to the hearings in Dubbo and Bendigo – hearings that will help formulate robust recommendations to improve access and supports for people with disability in regional and remote locations.

How to register to have your say

You can register your interest to speak to the committee in Dubbo or Bendigo by emailing the committee secretariat at NDIS.joint@aph.gov.au. In your email, please provide:

- 1. your name;
- 2. a telephone number and email address so that we can contact you; and
- 3. the hearing location that you would like to attend (Dubbo or Bendigo).

If you want to register over the phone or have any questions, please contact the secretariat.

Once you have registered, the committee secretariat will contact you.

Need more information?

Further information about the inquiry and the committee's work can be found on its website.

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18 October 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS 2024

17 October – Dubbo, NSW 1 November – Bendigo, VIC

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