

## **Inquiry Submission: The National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024**

To the Committee Chair and Members

is covered by the NDIS and has a psychosocial disability.

I am concerned that the Bill does not adequately address the needs of people with a psychosocial disability.

### **The following are some of my concerns:**

- **Co-design is not required:** The Bill now requires the Minister to consider co-design principles, **but it doesn't make this a legal requirement.**
- **Does not take a Whole of Person Approach:** The Bill may not fully account for people with multiple and interrelated disabilities, which **could lead to inadequate support.**
- **Unclear review and appeal rights:** The Bill **lacks a clear way to appeal** or replace your needs assessment.
- **Broad powers to require assessments:** The Bill provides the NDIA with broad powers to **require medical assessments, which could be difficult to obtain.**
- **Limits on Support and Spending:** The Bill gives the NDIA a lot of power to **control how participants use their funding**, reducing participant choice and control.
- **Punitive measures:** The Bill gives the NDIA new powers to **change how participants' plans are managed** and **raise debts** if they decide funding has been misused.

I believe the broader consultation is needed with participants who have a psychosocial disability and their advocates.

Yours sincerely

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