

I am a young person living with disability in Victoria. I am also a physiotherapy student with experience working with people with disabilities , both those with and without access to the NDIS.

The NDIS as it stands provides people with more choice and control over their own bodies and lives, reasonable and necessary supports enable people to live their lives. However it can also be very frustrating because it currently requires people to prove their situation over and over again.

The proposed changes indicate that these problems will only worsen, with the best parts of the NDIS (choice and control) being drastically reduced with the removal of "reasonable and necessary supports" from the legislation.

For people living with disability without access to the NDIS, they have to rely on family and friends, who have to take time off work to support them, or else they end up in the hospital system.

Cutting costs at the expense of services is not the answer. The costs will add up elsewhere in missed work of caregivers and added strain on the hospital system.

Please do not pass this bill. Listen to disabled people. Implement the changes outlined in the NDIS review.