

## Timeline of related events

**R&N** = reasonable and necessary

**S&T** = State and Territory

- **11 Dec 2013** Senator Fifield's response to question about sex workers being paid using NDIS funds at the National Press Club - says Yes
- **2 June 2017** Ray Hadley radio program - NDIS Minister Christian Porter, acted *ultra vires* declaring sex work is not permitted to be paid for using NDIS funds
- **8 June 2017** Porter's media officer privately concedes to Touching Base some participant's sex services will be R&N supports and arranges contacts with NDIA technical advisory team
- **6 July 2017 - June 2018** Touching Base and PWDA commence negotiation on a policy with NDIA, to the point of quote for a literature review by academics to provide evidence baseline
- **April 2018** AAT case WMRF v NDIA proceeds
- **July 2018** NDIA goes silent and ceases all communications with Touching Base/PWDA on this issue
- **8 July 2019** AAT case decision handed down
- **July 2019 - present** Roundtable on NDIS and Sex Services (Touching Base, Peak disability orgs and other individuals with keen interest)
- **28 Aug 2019** Over 40 disability organisations co-sign a joint statement calling for the NDIS to develop a sexuality in relationships policy
- **12 May 2020** NDIA appeal to Federal Court loses NDIA v WMRF
- **3 Feb 2021** NDIS Minister Robert still disagrees with Federal Court decision and publicly states ongoing objection to NDIA funding sex services
- **May 2020** Federal Minister Robert proposes NDIS rule changes to the Disability Reform Council to prohibit funding for sex toys and sex services
- **June 2020** State and Territory (S&T) Ministers reject proposal and request NDIA pursues further consultation with relevant stakeholders in policy development
- **August 2020** NDIA distributes information paper presuming upcoming proposed law changes will be passed and sex services will 'clearly' not be funded under the NDIS.

- **October 2021** Federal Minister Robert introduced amendments to NDIS Act, including power for Fed NDIS Minister to create rules without unanimous S&T support
- **July 2021** Enormous resistance campaign by people with disability/supporters leads to withdrawal of the proposed “God powers” and independent assessments
- **Nov 2021** NDIS Minister Reynolds proposes NDIS Act Reforms to again propose Ministerial “God Powers”
- **Nov 2021** NDIA CEO Martin Hoffman in letter to TBase President claims NDIA continuing to progress Sexual Services policy - working through implementation requirements
- **Dec 2021** S&T Ministers on DRC reject NDIS Act Reforms and insist any further amendments to the NDIS Act be co-designed with the disability sector
- **December 2022** Joint Standing Committee on NDIS inquiry into capability and culture of the NDIA - Touching Base submission raise concerns about lack of progress
- **10 March 2023** Roundtable writes to Minister Shorten seeking to be part of co-design of policy or operational guidelines
- **6 April 2023** Ministerial reply to Roundtable - confirming sexual supports OK where reasonable and necessary, as per WRMF, but no longer progressing operational guidelines
- **August 2023** Telephone calls made to NDIS National Call Centre - confirming incorrect information still being sharing with NDIS participants
- **July 2023** Minister answers to Senate Estimates Committee - working with internal stakeholders to resolve misinformation
- **11 July 2023** Reply from NDIA CEO to Touching Base confirming sexual supports OK where reasonable and necessary
- **25 Sept 2023** Telephone calls made to NDIS National Call Centre - **again** confirming incorrect information still being sharing with NDIS participants