

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1.1 The Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (the committee) was established on 1 September 2016 following the passing of a resolution in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The committee is comprised of five members and five senators and is tasked with reviewing:

- (a) the implementation, performance and governance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS or the Scheme);
- (b) the administration and expenditure of the NDIS; and
- (c) such other matters in relation to the NDIS as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament.<sup>1</sup>

1.2 The committee's establishing resolution requires the committee to present an annual report to the Parliament on the activities of the committee during the year, in addition to reporting on any other matters it considers relevant. As the principal body reporting to Parliament on the NDIS, the committee's work is particularly pertinent in the early years of implementation. In light of the speed of changes and the complexity of issues experienced to date within the sector, the committee agreed to provide its annual report to the Parliament on a twice-yearly basis. The committee hopes to contribute constructively to the Scheme's progress by offering recommendations intended to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Scheme over the coming years.

### Structure of the report

1.3 This is the first progress report of the committee in the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament. The report covers events from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. Chapter 2 provides an overview of activities that relate to the implementation, performance and governance of the NDIS. Chapter 3 outlines the committee's activities during the year and considers general issues raised in evidence to the committee. It concludes with the committee's view and recommendations.

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1 House of Representatives, *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 3, 1 September 2016, pp. 78–80.

