

What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

Limbs 4 Life

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NDIS Overview

The NDIS is a new way of *providing financial support and assistance that is reasonable and necessary for people with permanent disabilities to help them achieve their goals.*



NDIS Overview

The NDIS:

- Is a single national system
 - It connects in with other sectors such as health, aged care, education and housing
 - It has no impact on the Disability Support Pensions and is not means tested
 - Is providing the NDIS participant with purchasing power, choice and control to live an 'ordinary life.'
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NDIS Objectives

Aims:

- To address gaps in Federal and State/Territory government disability and equipment funding
 - To provide individualised funding based supports
 - That people with disabilities will be supported to live meaningful lives and to reach their full potential
 - To provide long-term sustainable funding
 - To provide people with choice and control
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Eligibility



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To be eligible for the NDIS you must:

- **Be a resident of Australia**
 - **Be <65 years**
 - **Have a permanent (lifelong) disability**
 - **Not provided with financial support from another insurance agency**
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Background Information



The NDIS is the biggest social reform of our lifetime. It's all about changing attitudes and supporting people with disability to fully participate in the community, socially and economically.



Background Information

Some of the pitfalls

- **There is no template anywhere in the world.**
 - **At the time of full roll-out 460,000 Australian's will have transitioned into the Scheme.**
 - **A greater amount of children and adolescents entering the Scheme than originally anticipated.**
 - **The Early Intervention program 0 – 6 was flawed and needed a complete overhaul due to previous data.**
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Some of the pitfalls

- **Many planners have no experience of disability and/or working with people with disabilities**
 - **New to the sector with little or no training**
 - **Slow to transition workforce staff**
 - **Roll-out has been too fast**
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Current State of Play



Productivity Commissions Findings

The latest report

- Identified and acknowledge that there is a significant lack of training and understanding of the needs of people with disabilities.
 - That over the phone planning meetings are not effective and will not continue.
 - There are significant time delays and waiting periods for people transitioning.
 - New 'NDIS Pathway' experiences have been developed and will be piloted prior to roll-out so that people have a better understanding of the processes involved.
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Productivity Commissions Findings

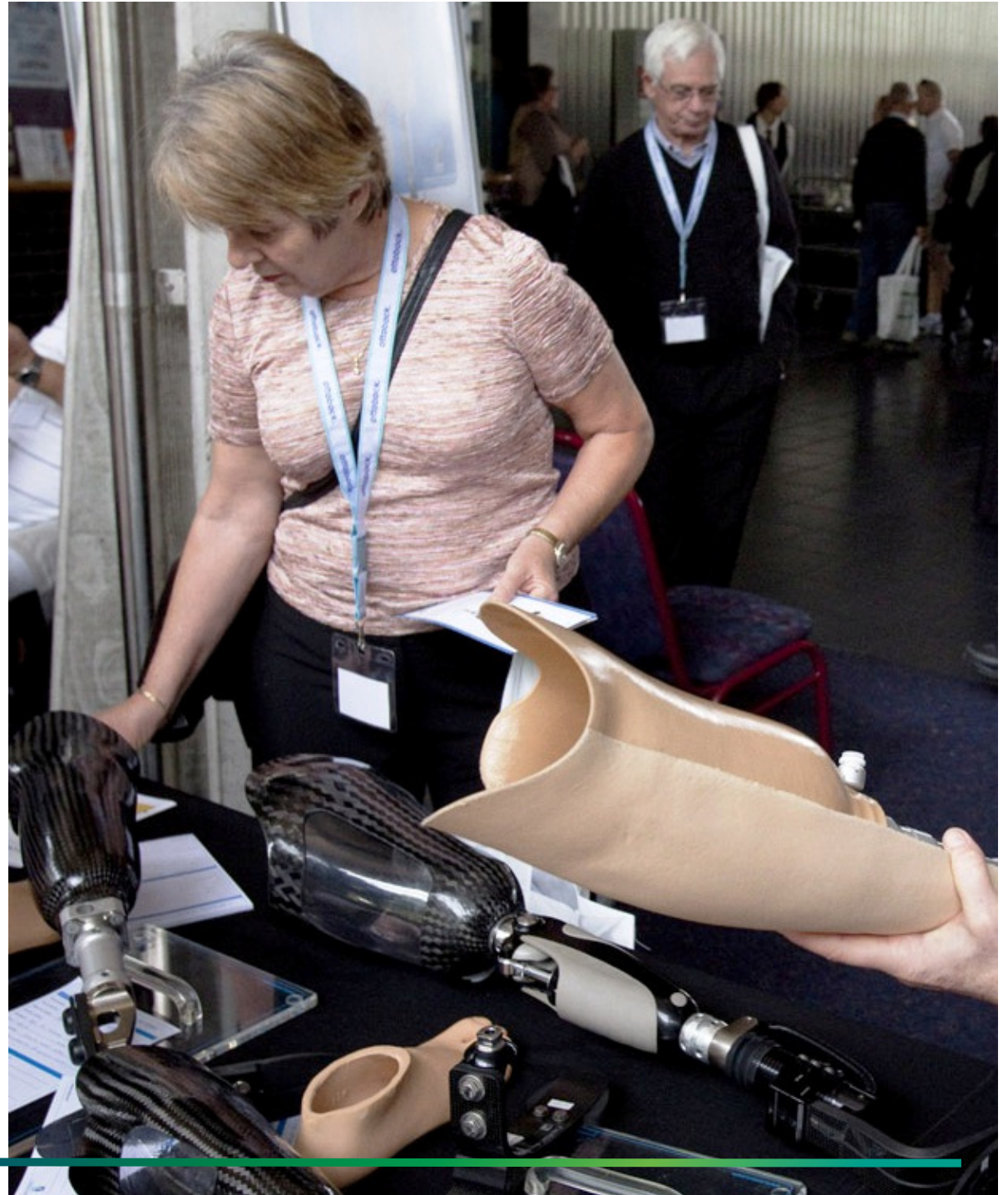
- **The NDIA has focused too much on quantity – meeting intake estimates, and not enough on the planning process.**
 - **That participants have been let down by the planning process and the quality of plans.**
 - **Greater attention given to pre-planning.**
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How can the NDIS help Amputees and People with Limb Difference ?



NDIS Funds 8 Domains

- Daily living
- Social participation
- Consumables
- Transport
- Home modifications
- Assistive technology
- Capacity building
- Support coordination





Support for Amputees

Individualised solutions:

- Assistive technology to help you to achieve your goals
- Vehicle and home modifications
- Capacity building supports
- Daily living needs
- Transport
- Consumables

Remember: Everything is based on your goals!

Working with a provider

- Choose a provider who will assist you to achieve your outcomes/goals.
- Provide reliable and trusted processes.
- Is open to new challenges.
- Problem solver and has an open mind.



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