

Review draft lists of NDIS supports

The Australian Department of Social Services opened a review of the proposed lists of supports included in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding. In August 2024 a public consultation process was used to inform development of the lists. Cancer Council welcomed the opportunity to provide input to this consultation.

In our submission, we highlighted opportunities for improving the draft lists, including:

- Removing household items from the exclusion lists. This creates supply issues whereby people are pushed to access items via disability-specific suppliers which may be more costly than accessing a mainstream product that would still be useful and appropriate.
- Clarifying the disability-supports that participants may access when receiving care in the health system. We believe the lists currently do not reflect the full spectrum of needs that people may have when accessing care in the health system.
- Reconsidering the approach to these lists, as individuals with evolving and changing needs, such as those affected by cancer, may struggle to access the supports they find necessary in a timely manner.

Cancer Council appreciates that the goal of these lists is to provide guidance for participants when selecting their supports, however, one significant risk associated with these static lists is that people may find themselves unable to access supports they previously relied upon and were able to access.

Further information can be found on the [DSS Engage](#) website.