

PDA Board Position Statement On The Search For A New NDIA CEO.

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The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) is the legislation which establishes the *National Disability Insurance Scheme* (NDIS) and the *National Disability Insurance Agency* (NDIA).

It also sets out, amongst other things, the objectives, and principles as to how the NDIS will operate, how an individual can access the NDIS and become a participant, how the participants plan will be developed and processes for internal and external review.

The NDIS Act also sets out the governance arrangements for the NDIA including its CEO, Board, Independent Advisory Council (IAC) and Actuaries.

The NDIS has been operating Australia wide for the past 9 years supporting people with disabilities to live ordinary lives, supporting people to access services and supports, supporting people to gain meaningful employment and generally increasing quality of life.

The NDIS is, essentially, a scheme for people with disabilities, but we have yet to see people with disabilities gain Senior Management positions within the NDIA. We have seen people with disabilities positioned on the NDIS Board and the IAC, but not into those senior roles.

PDA believes that the NDIS should have people with disabilities in those roles, to not only increase the representation, but to bring real life experience and understanding of being a person with a disability into the Agency that is supporting us.

We encourage the Government to do their due diligence in recruiting a new CEO for the Agency and make a positive step to rebuilding the trust of people with disabilities by actively seeking out a person with a disability for the role of CEO.

About Us

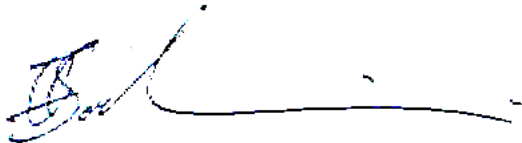
Physical Disability Australia (PDA) is a national peak membership-based representative organisation run by people with physical disability for people with physical disability.

PDA was founded 27 years ago and we have over 1,000 members from all Australian States and Territories.

Our purpose is to:

- Remove barriers through systematic advocacy to all levels of government to enable every Australian living with a physical disability opportunities to realise their full potential;
- Proactively embrace and promote difference and diversity for an inclusive society; and
- Actively promote of the rights, responsibilities, issues and participation of Australians with physical disability.

Signed for and on behalf of Physical Disability Australia



ANDREW FAIRBAIRN
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PDA GENERAL MANAGER

PDA invites other Australian disability organisations, NDIS participants, disability supporters and providers to join in this call for improved NDIA CEO and Board representation, participation, inclusion and input from people with disability.

For more information or to show your organisation's support in this campaign, please contact Simon Burchill (PDA's General Manager) via manager@pda.org.au.