

VALID condemns current NDIS Bill

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MELBOURNE/NARRM – [VALID's](#) recent submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee condemns the [NDIS Amendment Bill 2026](#) in its current form for dismantling essential safeguards and exposing people with disabilities to severe risk.

Introduced in May 2026, the Bill grants unchecked Ministerial powers to slash community participation and capacity building supports [as early as 1 October 2026](#).

While VALID supports a sustainable NDIS, the proposed changes will drastically cap or cut vital supports, shifting economic and caring responsibilities onto families, unpaid carers and public systems before other supports are even available.

VALID's submission warns that these changes could reverse decades of hard-fought human rights and risk a return to the dark days **of institutionalised support**.

Quotes attributable to Fionn Skiotis, VALID CEO:

- *"If funding is cut even before alternatives are in place, people with intellectual disability will be placed at significant risk."*
- *"These proposed funding cuts are a false economy, shifting responsibilities onto families and unpaid carers, forcing people out of the workforce and overwhelming public systems."*
- *"Rushing this legislation without consultation and genuine co-design with people with intellectual disabilities is gross negligence."*

VALID's Recommendations:

VALID's submission condemns the proposed amendments for undermining the original intent of the NDIS. To support the sustainability of the NDIS and essential safeguards against harm, VALID recommends that:

- The Bill not be passed in its current form or within the current timeframe
- Unchecked Ministerial powers be removed and any expanded powers amended to require stronger safeguards, transparency and accountability
- Participant review rights are safeguarded, particularly regarding reduced funding or changes to support
- Assessment and eligibility tools are developed and implemented through genuine co-design with people with intellectual disability

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VALID CEO, Fionn Skiotis, is available for interviews and comment. Please get in touch to book an interview, or if you have any further questions.

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