

Subject: URGENT: meeting request - 81% plan cut, NDIS illegal actions

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To: "McAllister, Jennifer (Senator)" <Senator.McAllister@aph.gov.au>

Dear Minister McAllister

As follow up to my email below, I request a meeting with you to discuss issue of the NDIS and their unacceptable responses to ART decisions. Yesterday, the NDIS cut a participant's NDIS plan by 81%. The plan was a short plan resulting from from an NDIS decision. The participant's NDIS number is 432153374. The participant's new plan contains:

1. goals written by the planner: this is contrary to the NDIA Act 2013 and the NDIS guidelines. The plan omits the goals written by the participant.
2. fabricated descriptions of the applicant - the statements about "Your strengths" and "Your daily life" are completely wrong (too brief and identical).

The plan refuses essential supports that were recently established as reasonable and necessary, and as NDIS supports, via the ART. The participant's plan fails to recognise his primary disability type, autism. The participant is an autistic child who is substantially more disabled by his autism than most autistic children, yet his new NDIS plan says:

Assistance with self-care activities from Assistance with Daily Life has not been included in this plan.

Community, social and civic activities from Assistance with social, economic and community participation has not been included in this plan.

Therapy supports from Improved daily living skills has not been included in this plan.

Continence related equipment from Consumables has not been included in this plan.

Dietetics from Health and wellbeing has not been included in this plan.

Behaviour support from Behaviour support has not been included in this plan.

This cut of 81% cannot be justified after the ART decision less than 6 months especially when there has been no change of circumstance.

Please can we meet to discuss this and other major issues getting NDIS support for NDIS participants with severe and profound autism. I note that no NDIS Minister has met with *Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia (A4)* to discuss such issues since the NDIS started. The NDIS excludes A4, the national DRO representing autism inclusive of severe and profound autism, from its consultations.

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Subject:encouraging NDIS officials to act illegally

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From:Bob B-advocate <bobbadvocate@gmail.com>

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Dear Minister Butler,

I was alarmed by your comment in your [speech to the Press Club yesterday](#) where you said:

Decisions in the Federal Court and Administrative Review Tribunal have restricted the Agency's ability to implement scheme changes to ensure the Scheme serves and supports those it was built for.

While officials in the NDIS have sought from the outset to ignore law that governs their operations, it is extremely disappointing that your words like this encouraging NDIS officials to act illegally. You really need to justify claims that the Court and Tribunal "have restricted the Agency's ability" when all those bodies do is enact the law that politicians created. The restriction are due to the law - not Court or Tribunal decisions.

The issue of NDIS decisions that are contrary to the law is a growing issue: increasingly, NDIS participants are contesting NDIS planning decision in the ART because increasingly they feel the NDIS is making wrong decisions. Mostly, the NDIS is found to have been wrong and the Tribunal varies the original NDIS decision to meet legal requirements ... and usually the "correct and preferable decision" benefits the participant. And the NDIS seem unable to learn from these experiences; the NDIS keeps making poor decisions and the ART's object to improve NDIS decision making is unrealised.

There are massive issues with recent and coming changes to NDIS law that deny participants fair and just access to proper review of NDIS decisions that seriously impact their lives.

As we have indicated previously, the whole ART process is unnecessarily adversarial and contrary to the right of people with disability - see for example <https://a4.org.au/node/2567> and our previous communications about the ART. We have suggested better ways to tackle hard or expensive clinical decisions - but our suggestions are ignored.

People expect better from a Minister in a Labor government.

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