

3 May 2021

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By email: convenor@a4.org.au

Dear Bob Buckley

Freedom of Information Request: Acknowledgement

Thank you for your request of 15 April 2021, under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for copies of documents held by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

Scope of your request

You have requested access to the following documents about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):

“...In its Mar 2021 Consultation paper: Interventions for children on the autism spectrum, the NDIA cites advice from the NDIA Independent Advisory Council’s (IAC) to the NDIA Board, a document called Promoting best practice in Early Childhood Intervention in the NDIS.

- 1. On or around the 14/10/2020, various members of NDIA Board and NDIA staff received a document describing concerns about the IAC’s advice (above) relating to early intervention for autistic children. Please provide all the information the NDIA has about how the NDIA processed (or not) the document and the concerns raised in the document about the IAC’s advice/document.*
- 2. Please provide copies of documents and information that the NDIA received showing concerns from others about the IAC’s advice (above)?*
- 3. Please provide all information the NDIA has about discussions, considerations or actions resulting from, related or relevant to the concerns raised about the IAC’s advice (above)”*

Unless you advise otherwise, we will take it that you agree to the names and contact details of NDIA staff being excluded from the scope of your request (that is, the information will be treated as irrelevant).

Processing timeframes

We received your request on 15 April 2021 and the 30-day statutory period for processing your request commenced from the day after that date. You should therefore expect a decision from us by **17 May 2021**.

The period may be extended if we need to consult with third parties or for other reasons. We will advise you if this happens.

Charges

We may apply a processing charge to your request and will advise you as soon as practicable if a charge is payable..

Disclosure Log

Information released under the FOI Act may be published on the NDIA's disclosure log located on our website, subject to certain exceptions.

If you have any concerns about the publication of information you have requested, please contact us.

Further help

Please contact us at foi@ndis.gov.au if you have any questions or need help.

We will contact you using the email address you provided. Please advise if you would prefer us to use an alternative means of contact.

Yours sincerely

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