

ALLIANCE20 PRIORITIES FOR THE NDIS



2021-2022 Key Priorities

1. **Creating the industry workforce needed for the NDIS**

The shortage of qualified staff in the disability sector is well-documented and must not lessen the capacity the NDIS. Alliance20 members can assist in developing new workforce and industry development strategies. Through collaboration we can have a sector that delivers better services and outcomes for people with disability.

2. **Boosting work Outcomes (including supported employment)**

Work promotes social and economic independence, providing families and carers with an increased ability to build and maintain a range of relationships. This is an area of significant priority with reforms already underway. Alliance20 members are both leading and participating in these reforms to bring our expertise to achieve better participant outcomes.

3. **Improving services in rural and remote areas**

Participants in rural and remote areas can be highly disadvantaged. Alliance20 wants to ensure that everyone can be supported, no matter where they live. We are looking to use our experience and capabilities to the fore in the development of new initiatives to better assist people with disability who live outside major population centres.

4. **Effective pricing**

A sustainable NDIS needs sustainable service providers to meet the needs of people with the highest needs - as well as those whose needs are less complex. The transition to a real market of quality providers with informed and empowered consumers is continuing. This transition needs to be open, transparent, and undertaken in a manner that is collaborative.

5. **Effective and innovative SIL/Home and Living services**

One of the most positive reforms under the NDIS is to enable people with disability decide where they want to live, how they want to live and with whom. For many people with high needs who have accessed supported accommodation for some time, this may be the first time they have had these options. Alliance20 members are leaders in this area.

6. **Establishing effective quality and safeguarding arrangements**

Alliance20 members support the Quality and Safeguards Commission as an independent and essential oversight mechanism for a flexible market which maximises choice and control for people with disability. We are continuing to engage with the NDIA and the Commission to provide input and experience in the development of systems and policies.