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ADJUDICATING RIGHTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME



Project aims

The Australian Government currently faces a significant dilemma about how to allocate limited resources in a way that ensures the rights and entitlements of all Australians. Tensions between the financial sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the provision of reasonable and necessary supports for individuals with disability need to be resolved. NDIS officials and personnel urgently require clarity and consistency to improve their decision-making. Citizens with a disability, particularly those without advocacy support, require assurances that their rights are safeguarded within the NDIS.

This project will highlight the power and justice effects of the administration of the NDIS, including what principles and values serve as dominant justifications for reasonable and necessary support, areas of contestation with choice and control, and the discrepancies in how administrative justice is viewed. This study employs a multidisciplinary, translational design incorporating analysis of social, policy and legal frameworks, qualitative interviews, analysis of administrative data and qualitative case study methods.

By enhancing the visibility and transparency of decision-making processes and priorities, and promoting informed public discussion, this project will contribute to making the NDIS a fair and sustainable scheme, and an international exemplar.

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