



Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND THE PROVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Guidelines for submission authors

FACTORS TO NOTE

- The inquiry will be considering systemic and policy issues concerning the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the provision of disability services in New South Wales.
- The process is not a forum to resolve individual grievances or complaints. At the same time, the committee welcomes personal stories/case studies to understand the nature of the policy issue and the effectiveness of disability service provision in New South Wales.
- This inquiry only has jurisdiction to examine the provision of disability services within New South Wales.

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 - **Confidential** submissions are seen only by the committee and secretariat. They help to build a picture of what is going on, but cannot be referred to in the committee's report.
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OTHER PROTECTIONS

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LODGING YOUR SUBMISSION

The closing date for submissions is **Thursday 9 August 2018**. Submissions can be lodged:

- online, via the inquiry [webpage](#)
- by email to portfoliocommittee2@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- by letter to The Director, Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health and Community Services, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

If you would like further advice, please feel free to contact the committee secretariat on 9230 3586 or portfoliocommittee2@parliament.nsw.gov.au.



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