

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2
INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NDIS AND THE PROVISION OF
DISABILITY SERVICES IN NSW

Supplementary questions

NSW Council for Intellectual Disability

1. Are you aware of the contracting of the NDIA that commenced in early July that reportedly requires nine providers (Marymead, Northcote, the Australian Foundation for Disability, Life Without Barriers, Uniting and Live Better) to act as a provider of last resort?

No, we were not aware of that arrangement until getting this question. We have read what Michael Coutts-Trotter said on this issue on 2 October and suspect he is mistaken about the breadth of any such arrangement. We are sure the Committee will be seeking clarification from the NDIA.

2. Are you aware of any specific groups of people with disability who are not being captured by the NDIS and thus not receiving NDIS funding? Please describe these groups by their disability/medical/health condition? a. How are these groups accessing the support and services they need, if not by the NDIS?

We know of no specific group which is not eligible for the NDIS but various factors severely impede access to the scheme and adequate support for a wide range of people. These factors include:

- **Inadequate outreach and engagement with marginalised groups.**
- **Ongoing demarcation issues with mainstream services.**
- **Inadequate skills amongst planners and local area coordinators.**

People who are not getting the support they need from the NDIS are reliant on mainstream agencies and informal supports, which often means they are very inadequately supported.