

NIDA-set price limits for supports and services work in the NDIS threaten service providers' viability.

ermha365 is supporting National Disability Services' (NDS) call to the Federal Government to urgently address the concerns of its member organisations about the new price limits set down by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

ermha365 CEO Karenza Louis-Smith has written to Federal MPs whose electorates are in geographic areas where it provides services and programs, urging them to:

- Work with the sector to ensure that NDIS prices are appropriately set and adequately meet the true costs of delivering disability services
- Urgently address the concerns of the sector outside of the NDIS Review and Annual Pricing Review and consider an out-of-cycle pricing update.

In June 2023 National Disability Services (NDS) asked its members for feedback on the challenges that providers are currently facing.

83 per cent of respondents said they are concerned about their ability to deliver disability services using the new price limits set down by the NDIA.

Ms Louis-Smith said without pricing covering costs, many disability service providers will be unable to continue essential supports for people with disabilities.

She said the advocacy by NDS on behalf of disability service providers was crucial to provide a uniting voice for the sector.

"NDS CEO Laurie Leigh has a direct pathway to Canberra to take our concerns to the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Bill Shorten," Ms Louis-Smith said.

"We share the fears of many other organisations across the country with concerns about our future viability and ability to deliver our NDIS services and attract and retain our workforce," she said.

"We have continually seen a reduction in the funding for our NDIS clients. The support they require remains the same or, in some cases needs to be increased and we are left to fill the shortfall in providing these services."

ermha365 has sent the letter below to the following Federal MPs:

Bendigo – Ms Lisa Chesters MP

Bruce – Mr Julian Hill MP

Corangamite – Ms Libby Coker MP

Corio – Hon Richard Marles MP

Isaacs – Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, MP

Scullin – Hon Andrew Giles MP

Solomon – Mr Luke Gosling OAM, MP

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