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Australian Autism Alliance statement on the NDIS assessment proposal

Today the Australian Autism Alliance has released a statement on the Australian Government's proposal to introduce mandatory NDIA-commissioned assessments in the NDIS.

The Alliance is a national network of 12 diverse autism organisations and brings together autistic led organisations, research bodies, advocacy groups and service providers.

We speak on behalf of over 170,000 people, our partners employ over 3,000 staff and provide direct support to over 30,000 autistic people, from early childhood to adulthood, every year.

We do not support the Australian Government's proposal to introduce NDIA-commissioned assessments.

We believe the proposal, as it currently stands, will diminish participant choice and control, will erode community trust in the NDIS and will directly disadvantage current and future autistic participants, who make up over 30% of the NDIS.

We believe the proposal requires significant change based on transparent consultation and engagement with key stakeholders; NDIS participants and their families.

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