

**Federal Government Productivity Commission**  
**Inquiry into Disability Care and Support**  
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<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support>

The Australian Government has asked the Productivity Commission to undertake a public inquiry into a long term disability care and support scheme. There are many questions about how to improve current arrangements, but some of the key ones include:

1. How a scheme should be designed and funded to better meet the long term needs of people with disability, their families and carers.
2. How to determine the people most in need of support, the services that should be available to them, and service delivery arrangements the costs, benefits, feasibility and funding options of alternative schemes.
3. How the scheme will interact with the health, aged care, informal care, income support and injury insurance systems its impacts on the workforce how any scheme should be introduced and governed what protections and safeguards should be part of the scheme.

**Scope of the review**

The Productivity Commission is requested to undertake an inquiry into a National Disability Long term. Care and Support Scheme. The inquiry should assess the costs, cost effectiveness, benefits, and feasibility of an approach which:

- provides long term essential care and support for eligible people with a severe or profound disability, on an entitlement basis and taking account the desired outcomes for each person over a lifetime;
- is intended to cover people with disability not acquired as part of the natural process of ageing;
- calculates and manages the costs of long term care and support for people with severe and profound disability;
- replaces the existing system funding for the eligible population;
- ensures a range of support options is available, including individualised approaches;
- includes a coordinated package of care services which could include accommodation support, aids and equipment, respite, transport and a range

of community participation and day programs available for a person's lifetime;

- assists the person with disability to make decisions about their support;
- provides support for people to participate in employment where possible.

**Submissions:**

Send these by Email as an attached Word document, if possible, to: [disability-support@pc.gov.au](mailto:disability-support@pc.gov.au)

You may also send submissions by mail, fax or audio cassette, and we can make arrangements to record oral submissions over the telephone.

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**LISA COMMENT:** One of the main factors of this Inquiry is the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) principle of funding. This being a percentage on the Medicare levy to provide people with disabilities equality of rights to disability support services that everyone currently has with medical services.

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