



# NDIS Double Speak

*What they say?  
What they really mean?*

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Julia Gillard spoke enthusiastically and positively about NDIS at the Every Australian Counts Afternoon tea at Minda in South Australia last Friday

Speaking without notes she was eloquent, convincing in her presentation and well schooled in the nuances of NDIS

To many listening her oratory would have been just what they wanted to hear

Key points omitted were however fundamental to an NDIS like

- Who will be eligible for services?
- What level of services they will receive?
- Who will pay the \$8.0 billion dollar recurrent funding bill?

These remain the most important issues but answers are not forthcoming

Yesterday more ALP hype as Jennifer Macklin came out saying there would be more money for NDIS next year

Although it appears to us this is more short term temporary money, not the long term funding so desperately needed

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/macklin-hints-at-more-ndis-cash-next-year/story-e6frf7kf-1226507733220>

Mr Abbott the erstwhile Leader of the Opposition appeared to be having a dollar each way last week (or possibly even backing away from NDIS?)

He may well have been wearing his Joe Hockey mask as his comments were very much in line with comments the buffoon impersonating Liberal Shadow Treasurer made last year suggesting that NDIS was not important enough to make a budget priority

[http://bigpondnews.com/articles/TopStories/2012/10/17/Tony\\_Abbott\\_says\\_NDIS\\_can\\_be\\_funded\\_806731.html](http://bigpondnews.com/articles/TopStories/2012/10/17/Tony_Abbott_says_NDIS_can_be_funded_806731.html)

What they all say? What they all mean? There seems no doubt NDIS is very much on the political agenda, which is a good thing, but NDIS is being distorted, twisted and used expediently by politicians for the political benefits they want rather than the benefits disability consumers desperately need.

Be careful who you believe?

There is a lot of water to flow under the NDIS political bridge before our dream is a reality