

DISABILITY SPEAKS, SA

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People with intellectual disabilities seem very poorly represented in the new NDIS structure that has been put in place by the Federal Government around the DisabilityCare Australia Board and Advisory Committee announced last week by Federal Minister Jenny Macklin.

Despite intellectual disability being the largest potential consumer group of future DisabilityCare services there is remarkably no representation of people with Intellectual Disability on the Advisory Committee specifically set up to advise the Board..

While sensory and physical disability consumers are comprehensively represented people with intellectual disabilities and families with lived experience of supporting such service consumers have been not offered a key role in future policy development.

One would have imagined multiple representation on this committee was automatic for the intellectual disability constituents, but it has not happened? This will need to be changed.

Disability Speaks will be writing to Bruce Bonyhady, Chair of DisabilityCare Australia who's appointment we loudly applaud asking this situation be urgently rectified. The importance of adding appropriate representation to the DisabilityCare support structure is vitally important for all stakeholders.