# **SENATOR JORDON STEELE-JOHN**



### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Greens Dissent on Labor's Plan to Cut the NDIS

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This afternoon the Senate Inquiry into the NDIS Bill provided its final report.

The Australian Greens are disappointed that the report recommended that the bill should pass with some small, clarifying amendments.

In making this recommendation, Labor is choosing to ignore pleas from the disability community to ditch their dangerous NDIS bill.

Witnesses and submissions to the Joint Inquiry into the bill highlighted the grave concerns the community holds for the fabric of the NDIS if this bill passes. These submissions came from disabled people, disability advocates and organisations, and widely rejected the bill in its current form.

The Greens have released a <u>dissenting report</u> expressing they will not support the bill in its current form.

Lines attributable to Senator Jordon Steele-John, Greens Spokesperson for Disability Rights and Services

"The Senate Committee had an opportunity to listen to disabled people, our families and the community, and they have failed to do so.

"This bill puts into action the Labor government's \$14.4 Billion cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Let's be clear this bill will make disabled people's lives, and the lives of their families immediately more difficult, with the changes able to come into effect shortly after they pass the parliament.

"This bill will cost lives, and it will set disabled people back decades.

"The Greens will not support this bill in its current form in the Senate.

"I'd like to acknowledge everyone who took the time to submit to the Community Affairs Committee. To share our lived experience as disabled people can be daunting and it is an emotionally intensive process, your contributions do not go unnoticed. I am disappointed the government failed to represent your concerns."

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