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Mental Health Australia welcomes review of NDIS

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Mental Health Australia welcomes the Australian Government's announcement to review the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and examine the design, operation, and sustainability of the Scheme and how to build a more responsive, supportive, and sustainable market and workforce.

Mental Health Australia's CEO Dr Leanne Beagley said the review must include a specific focus on people with a psychosocial disability to improve assessment, support and services that are relevant to their needs.

"For participants, the lack of psychosocial disability specific skills, knowledge and experience within the NDIS has been an ongoing issue that has been a barrier to better outcomes," said Dr Beagley.

"It will be critical that the review includes people with a lived experience of psychosocial disability, those who love and care for them and other experts with proficiency in this area.

"Similarly, it will be equally important to ensure the Review has a sound understanding of the differences required in funding and system architecture to sustain a highly skilled and professional workforce to better meet the needs of people with a psychosocial disability within a recovery-oriented framework," said Dr Beagley.

Dr Beagley added Mental Health Australia looks forward to supporting the work of the Review and providing advice on behalf of the mental health sector on opportunities to improve the experience and outcomes of people living with disability related to their mental health.

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