



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Report into Supported Independent Living

What we think

Easy Read version



How to use this report



The Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) wrote this report on behalf of the Australian Government.

When you see the word 'we', it means the Government.



We wrote this report in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Not bold
Bold

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 15.



This Easy Read report is a summary of another report. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find more information on our website at www.ndis.gov.au/providers/housing-and-living-supports-and-services/housing/supported-independent-living



You can ask for help to read this report.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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What is Supported Independent Living?



Participants are people with disability who take part in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



Supported Independent Living is a support some NDIS participants use.

In this report we call it SIL.



SIL supports participants with daily tasks around their home, including a home they live in:

- by themselves
- with other participants.



SIL helps these participants to be **independent**.

When you are independent, you can do things:

- for yourself
- on your own.



Most participants who get SIL funding live with other participants who get SIL funding.



You can find out more about SIL on the **NDIS website**.

What is this report about?



Members of the Australian Parliament wrote a report about SIL.

We call them the Committee.



They looked at what:

- works well
- needs to be better.



The report included **recommendations** about how SIL should work.



Recommendations are ideas about things that can be done to make something better.



The Committee made 45 recommendations about how to make SIL better.

The recommendations are about:



- how to decide what SIL support participants need



- how participants take part in making decisions about SIL



- the information people can find about SIL



- SIL funding



- problems with how SIL works.



This report talks about the Committee's recommendations.



We agree with 25 of these recommendations.



We note the other 20 recommendations.

How we manage SIL



The Committee made 30 recommendations about how we manage SIL.

They include:



- how we decide what SIL support participants need



- how we work out the cost for SIL



- how we provide information to people about SIL.



We have made some big changes since the Committee started looking at SIL.



We have **clarified** limits on how much SIL services should cost.



When you clarify something, you explain it so everyone knows what they need to do.

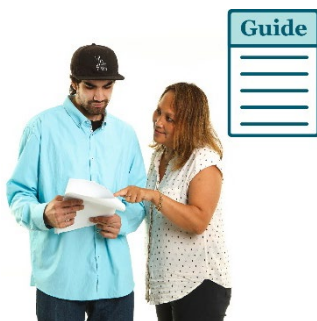


We wrote a document about SIL and how to use your SIL funding.

It's called the *SIL Operational Guideline*.



We are going to look closely at all home and living supports for participants, including SIL.



We will write a guide to help participants take part in making decisions about their SIL funding.

Funding for SIL



The Committee made 6 recommendations about SIL funding.

We give funding to participants in their NDIS plan to help them:



- with daily tasks



- reach their goals.



We use guidelines to help us work out how much funding to give participants.

How we make sure SIL is working well

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The Committee made 6 recommendations about how we make sure SIL is working well.



We have lots of rules that make sure participants:

- are safe
- get good quality services.



The rules talk about how to keep participants safe, including those who live with other participants.



We will look at the rules to see how well they work.

Advocacy and other support services



The Committee made 2 recommendations about **advocacy** and other support services.



Advocacy is when someone speaks up for you if you can't speak up for yourself.



The recommendations said participants should be able to use these services if they want them.

We will make sure participants who want to use advocacy or other support services:



- can use these services



- can get information they need about these services.



We want to make sure these services are easy for everyone to get.



Over the past 6 years, we have given advocacy and other support services an extra \$15 million of funding.

Contact us



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TTY
1800 555 677



Speak and listen
1800 555 727



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Word list



Advocacy

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Clarify

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Independent

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- on your own.



Participant

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Recommendation

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