



**National
Legal Aid**

More support for people appealing decisions about the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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National Legal Aid welcomes the continuation of much-needed funding for people with disability to access legal support to navigate complex NDIS review and appeal processes. The Government has committed \$14.7 million over two years from 2026–27 for the NDIS Appeals Program to extend supplementary funding that was to end on 30 June 2026.

The NDIS Appeals Program provides critical support for people seeking review or appeal of NDIA decisions. Legal Aids provide vital legal services including advice clinics and legal representation at the Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) and Federal Court.

“NDIS appeals have more than doubled since 2023-24 and currently legal representation is limited to approximately 18% of people who lodge those appeals. The NDIS Appeals Program provides critical support for people with disability and their carers appealing NDIA decisions - such as decisions about eligibility to access the NDIS or about particular supports they need,” said NLA Executive Director the Hon Yvette D’Ath.

The independent 2025 Evaluation of the NDIS Appeals Program found that the NDIS appeals process is complicated, daunting and very difficult for people with a disability and carers to navigate without support.

“Appropriate and fair appeals outcomes are critical for people with disability, and legal support for people appealing an NDIA decision is crucial to a fair and efficient appeals process,” said National Legal Aid Executive Director the Hon. Yvette D’Ath.