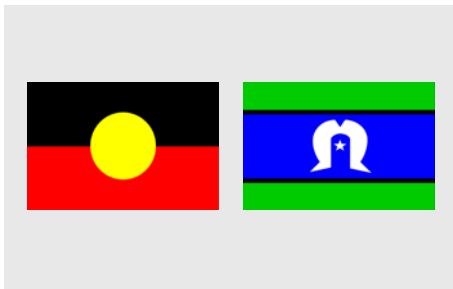


Report

First Nations NDIS Participants



This report is about First Nations NDIS participants.



First Nations means all people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.



NDIS is short for National Disability Insurance Scheme.



We spoke to 14 first Nations people in Victoria that are on the NDIS.

They told us about important issues with the NDIS.

How the NDIS was set up



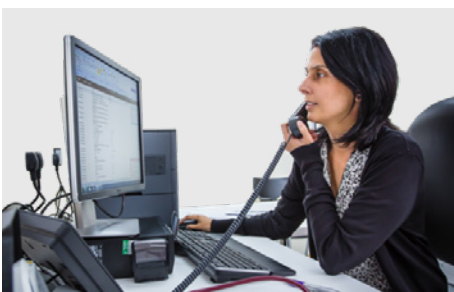
People said that NDIS did not yarn enough with First Nations communities before the NDIS started.



To **yarn** means to meet and talk to other people with respect in First Nations cultures.

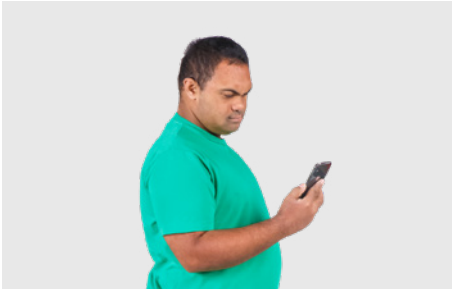


This made it harder for First Nations people to use the NDIS.



People thought there should have been more talks with

- First Nations people
- First Nations communities
- First Nations organisations



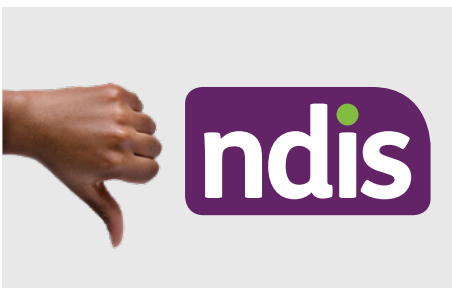
People said it was hard to find information that respects First Nations cultures.



Some people found it hard to trust the NDIS.



Some people found it hard to fill out all the forms to get on the NDIS.



That is why some people do not want to get on the NDIS.

NDIS workers and First Nations cultures



NDIS workers did not always understand First Nations cultures.



They did not understand that culture and disability go together.



The way the NDIS works made it hard to yarn and share.

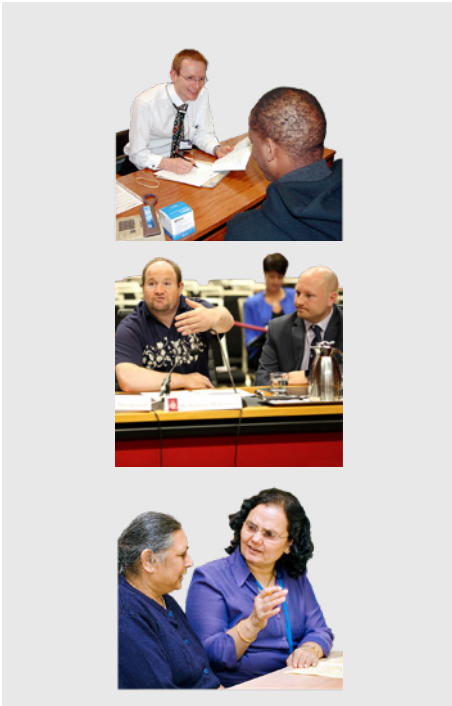


This meant NDIS plans did not always respect

- Culture
- Disability
- What people really want



People said they need better support to use the NDIS.



The NDIS can be better if they work with First Nations

- Workers
- Advocates
- Organisations



Participants could use their plans better when NDIS workers knew and respected First Nations cultures.

Look after disability and culture



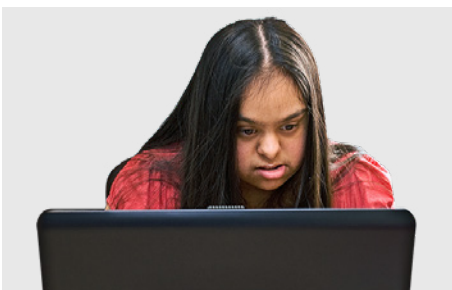
First Nations people could often not use their NDIS plans to look after their culture and disability.



There were not enough First Nations workers. They did not always feel happy or safe with workers who are not First Nations.



This made it hard to take part in cultural events and to be with the community.



It also made it hard to use their NDIS plans.



Workers who know and respect First Nations cultures made a big difference.

They made it possible to

- Use plans
- Be independent
- Be close with culture and community

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