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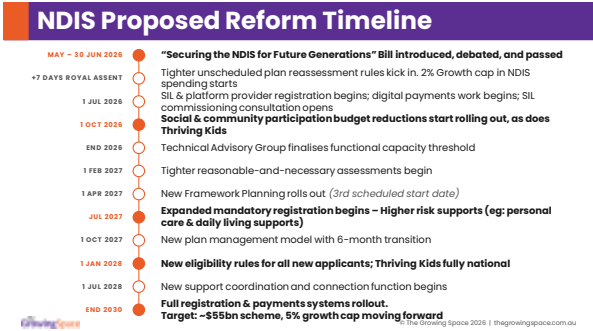
What's proposed to change? (not law yet!)

- **Fewer people on the scheme**
Government wants participant numbers down from ~760k now to ~600k by 2026, instead of projected increase to ~900k (real drop of ~200k)
- **Community access budgets cut**
Social, civic & community participation budgets cut by 50%; capacity-building daily activities by 10%. Phased over 12 months from 1 October 2026 as plans review. And big proposals to allow this for AER Support Category or group across the scheme.
- **Mandatory registration for SIL/personal care**
Required ONLY where supports are Managed AND Delivered by a provider. Self-managers' own working contractors NOT caught – escape Restrictive Practices. (Change to personal care are different and we don't have info yet)
- **Plan management & support coordination cut & commissioned**
~30% less in the system. Plan management – government-approved panel (1 Oct 2027). Support coordination – no longer in your plan; government commissions providers directly (1 Jul 2028).
- **Unspent plan funds won't roll over**
Use it or lose it: money officers allow funds when plans are extended – but may affect year by year in multi-year plans.
- **Unscheduled reassessments much harder to get**
Only participant, nominee or guardian can request (not coordinators/plan managers). Two grounds: major ongoing change in functional capacity, or unanticipated change in living/work supports.
- **Eligibility reassessed for existing participants**
From 1 January 2028, current participants reassessed under new functional capacity rules – phased over 3 years. Test, threshold and appeals not public yet.
- **Diagnosis lists removed**
Access based on functional capacity, not a list of conditions. Fairer in principle – detail will be in the assessment tool.
- **Growth rate of whole scheme below inflation**
2% a year for the next 4 years, then 5% from 2030. In real terms that's a cut per participant unless numbers drop further.
- **Digital payments & more fraud controls**
Every provider enrolled, every claim visible to the NGA. This has been talked about for years – believe it when you see it.
- **\$200m Inclusive Communities Fund**
To rebuild capability in sporting clubs, arts groups & disability orgs to include participants. Direction is right, scale won't touch the odds.
- **Pricing decisions move to the Minister**
Price caps no longer set by the NGA Board. Consultation flagged on lower caps for unregistered providers.

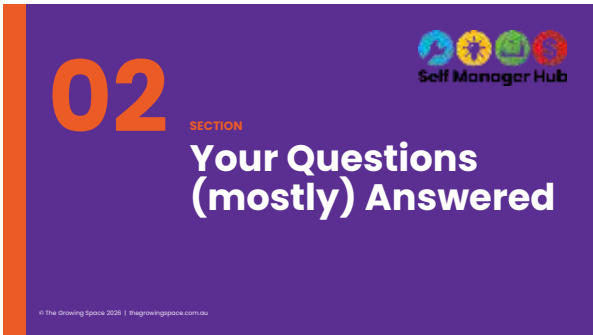


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What does this mean for you?

Five big questions everyone's asking — let's take them in turn.

- **1. Self-management & registration**
Will my workers still work for me?
- **2. Home & Living — SIL, SDA, Service for One**
What changes in my home?
- **3. Cuts to Social & Community**
How big, when, from where?
- **4. Functional Capacity Assessments**
Will I (or my child) still be on the NDIS?
- **5. Timing & the long game**
When does this actually settle?

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Self-management & registration

Most self-managers running their own teams will not need to become registered.

- **The Commission's test**
HIGH supports + Managed by a provider + Delivered by a provider.
- **Sole traders & direct employees**
Workers, not providers — not caught by mandatory registration.
- **The exception**
Restrictive Practices — must register regardless (and there may be other exceptions).
- **1 July 2026 specifically**
Only SIL & digital platform providers start to register. No supports stop.
- **Still to be locked in**
The rules under new s 10C — track them as they're drafted.

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Home & Living — SIL, SDA & Service for One

- **SIL is moving to a "commissioning" model**
Consultation begins second half of 2026.
- **1 July 2026 — SIL providers must register**
Three-part test: Manage + Coordinate + Deliver.
- **SDA is protected**
Specifically listed in the Government FAQ as not changing.
- **Service for One**
Not mentioned specifically in the Bill, the EM or the FAQs — this is a gap.
- **No supports stop on 1 July**
Transitional arrangements while providers register.

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Cuts to Social & Community Participation

50% off Social, Civic & Community
10% off Capacity—Building daily activities

- **Both Core AND Capacity Building hit**
Not one or the other — both buckets.
- **Phased over 12 months from 1 October 2026**
As old framework plans renew or are reassessed.
- **Some supports protected**
In-home care, modifications, mobility, consumables, SDA.
- **No commitment to top up Home & Living/Reassessments harder**
If you're 24/7 high-needs, the gap is real.
- **\$200m Inclusive Communities Fund**
Direction right. Scale won't touch the sides.

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Functional Capacity Assessments

"People with permanent and significant disability will still be able to access the NDIS."

- **New legal definition of "functional capacity"**
Section 9B — but the tool isn't designed yet.
- **Technical Advisory Group**
Starts mid-2026. Must include lived experience.
- **New criteria apply from 1 January 2028**
For new applicants AND existing participants.
- **Existing participants reassessed**
Progressively over 3 years.
- **Butler on automation**
"Humans involved is absolutely central." Watch this carefully.
- **Who pays for the reports?**
Butler: "I've got a pretty open mind about it."

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Timing — when does this settle?

Third NDIS Bill in two years. Settled state realistically 2030.

- **Bill is the structural shape**
Operational detail in NDIS rules — drafted through 2026–2028.
- **Senate Inquiry submissions close 29 May 2026**
Short window. Worth your voice.
- **Critical supports protected**
Self-management preserved as a legal status.
- **Unscheduled reassessments locked down**
Plan managers & coordinators can no longer trigger them.
- **Advocate on the RULES, not just the Bill**
There will be more advocating needed all the way along.

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Proposed Changes that really impact Self Managers

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Self-managers: the good news

Where self-management stays useful!

- **Price caps still DO NOT apply to self-managed funding**
Section 45C(2). You can still pay above the caps in the pricing arrangements.
- **Many of you are NOT an “NDIS provider”**
Section 10C carves out amounts received “as a participant.”
- **The Explanatory Memorandum puts this in for the first time**
“Self-managed participants, as informed consumers, are empowered to make trade-offs within their NDIS budget.”
- **Provider regime doesn’t reach you**
Registration, provider civil penalties, deed-of-arrangement – nope.

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Where you’re more exposed

Because you make your own claims....

- **New 3 year record-keeping duty for participants, 5 years for nominees**
Section 45B. Invoices, service agreements, support delivery records.
- **No records → potential debt**
Section 182(4) can convert a legitimately-spent payment into a debt to the Agency.
- **90-day claim window from 1 Dec 2026**
Was 2 years. CEO discretion for “exceptional circumstances” – not a right.
- **Agency information powers strengthened**
Section 53/54 – new 60 penalty unit civil fine. Safeguards via Ministerial Instrument.
- **Practical message**
Keep records. Claim quickly. Get advice before responding to any Agency notice.

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Self-management – for Nominees

And a word for nominees.

- **Plan-size controls apply equally**
Max funding amounts, intensity caps, ratios – s 33(2EA). Same numbers go in your plan.
- **The 50% / 10% S&C cuts hits ALL plans**
Support determinations under s 34A have no carve-out for management type.
- **No rolled-over unspent funds at renewal**
Plan renewals (s 50A) start again from original component amounts. Your buffer goes.
- **If you’re a nominee managing a plan**
New civil penalties – 30 to 60 penalty units – under ss 80, 83 and 84.
- **Nominee record-keeping – 5 years, not 3**
Section 45B(7). Be ready to account for the money under s 84 statements.

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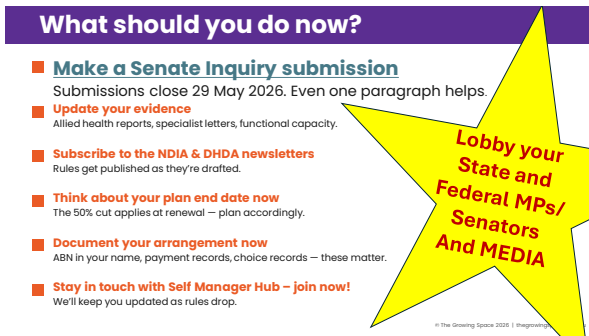


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Actions to take!

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What should you do now?

- **Make a Senate Inquiry submission**
Submissions close 29 May 2026. Even one paragraph helps.
- **Update your evidence**
Allied health reports, specialist letters, functional capacity.
- **Subscribe to the NDIA & DHDA newsletters**
Rules get published as they're drafted.
- **Think about your plan end date now**
The 50% cut applies at renewal — plan accordingly.
- **Document your arrangement now**
ABN in your name, payment records, choice records — these matter.
- **Stay in touch with Self Manager Hub — join now!**
We'll keep you updated as rules drop.

Lobby your State and Federal MPs/ Senators And MEDIA

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Questions?

Thank you for sticking with me.

Where this info came from

- Securing the NDIS for Future Generations Bill 2026 (House of Reps, 14 May 2026)
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