

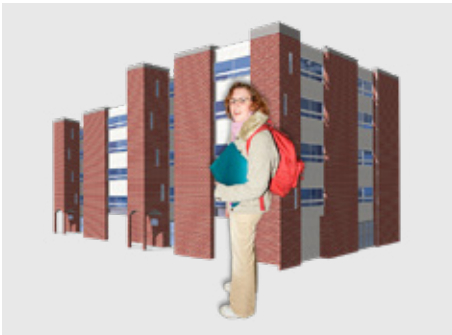
# Report about disability housing and support



# About this information



This information is about a report from the **Grattan Institute**.



The **Grattan Institute** does lots of **research**.



**Research** means we look into things to find out more about them.



We did research about housing and support for people with disability.



We looked into what can be better about housing and support for people with disability.



We used what we found out to make **recommendations**.



**Recommendations** are what we think should happen to make things better.



This information will tell you about our research and what our recommendations are.

# About our research



The NDIS gives money to many people with disability to pay for their supports.



Some people with disability need a lot of support in their life.



They do not get the support they need to live how they want to.



They often only have money to live in places like **group homes**.



**Group homes** are houses where people with disability live together and get support.



Some people in group homes have bad things happen to them like **abuse** or **neglect**.



**Abuse** means someone

- Hurts their body
- Does sexual things to them they do not want
- Says things to them that make them feel scared or hurt.



**Neglect** means they do not get the things they need like food or clothes.

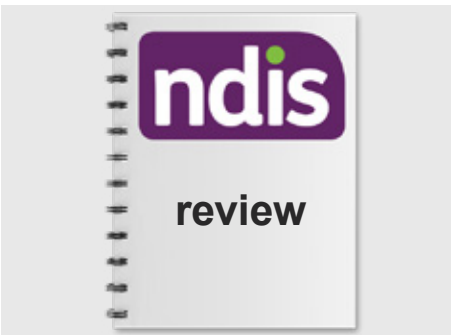


The Government wanted to look into some of these problems.

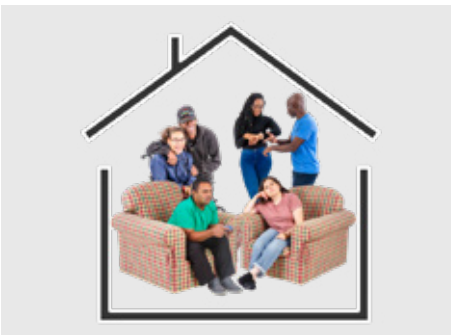


They had a **Disability Royal Commission** to look into big issues for people with disability.

We will say **DRC** for short.



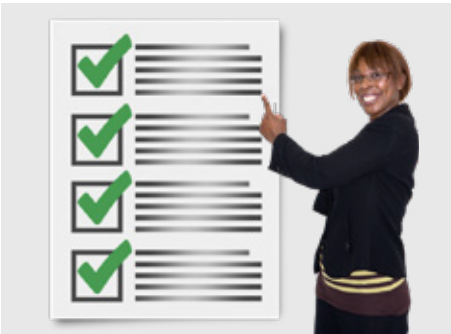
They had an **NDIS review** to find out how to make the NDIS better.



The DRC and the NDIS review said disability housing and support need to be better.



We have come up with 4 big things to change to make housing and supports better.



We will tell you more about each of these things next.

# 1. More choice for housing and supports



We want to have different kinds of homes and support for people with disability.



The Government should give more money for people with disability to

- Choose different housing
- Get the support they want.



This could be shared homes but people choose their supports.





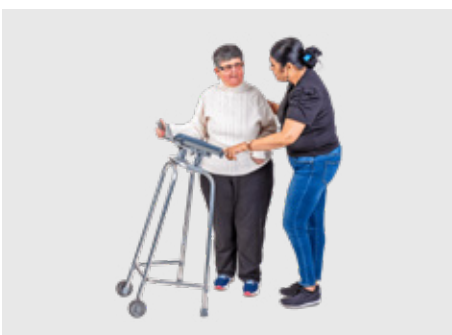
It could be homes where people live with another family who helps to support them.



It could also be homes where people live with a flatmate who helps to support them.



People could get money to rent a place in the community.



People could then pay for their own support services to come to their house.



People could also be allowed to use left over money to pay for more supports.

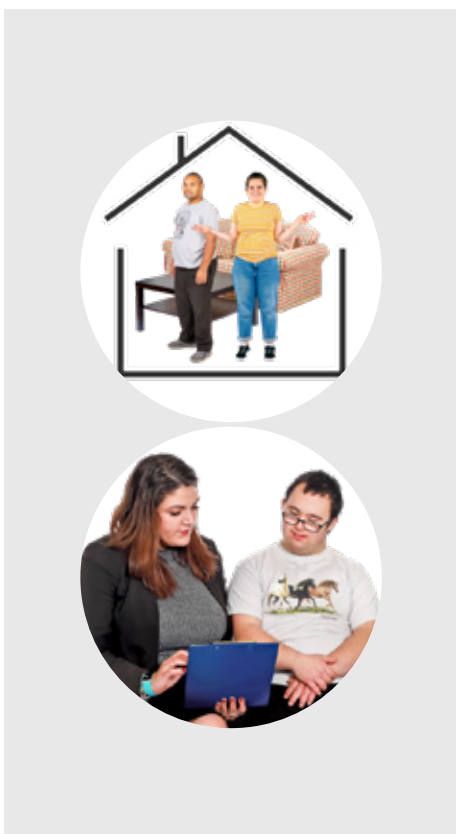


That way people would look for cheaper housing and support.

## 2. More choice in group homes



We need to change how group homes work.



People who want to live in group homes should be able to choose

- Who they live with
- How they get their support services.



People should not have to get both their housing and support from the same service.



This will give people with disability more choice in the support services they choose.



Staff should have more training to support people with disability better.



We should stop having larger group homes in the next 15 years.

### 3. Better planning and services



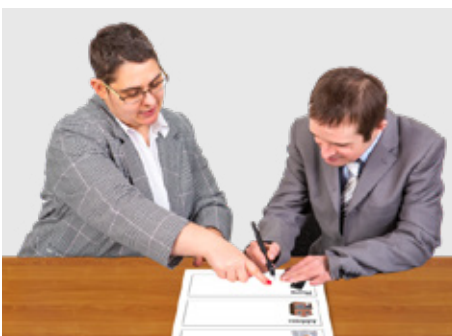
We need to change how people get money for housing and supports.



There should be a clear and easy way for people to sort out housing and supports.



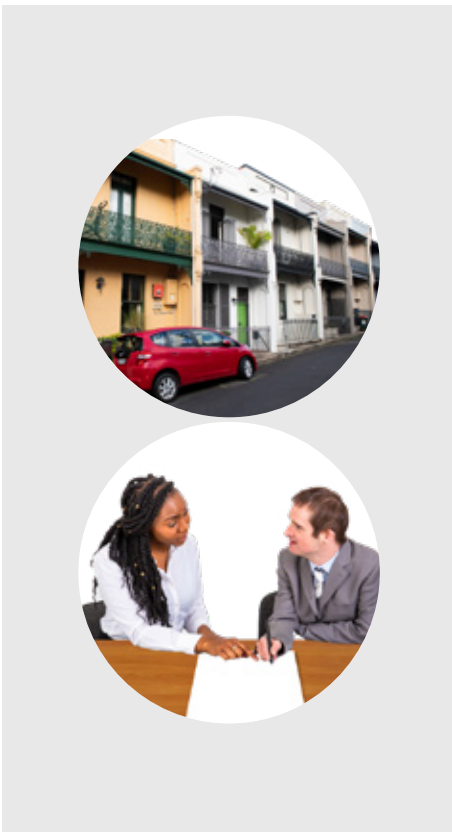
People who need a lot of support should get more help to know what their choices are.



They should get support to work out how they can get what they want.



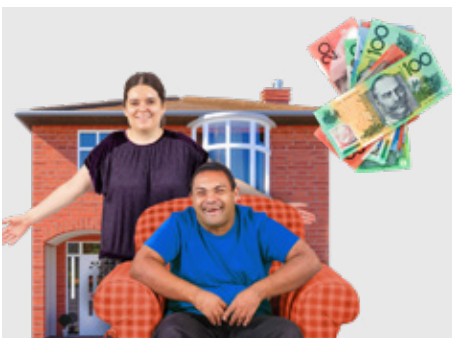
People should have more choice in how they use their NDIS money.



There could also be offices in lots of different parts of the country to check

- What housing could be in the area

- What services people need.



Each office should have money to use for new ideas for housing or services.

## 4. More ways to check if housing works



The Government needs to make sure people with disability are safe and have choices.



All housing and support services should be **registered**.



**Registered** means the Government knows about them and they follow the rules.



We should keep information about where people live if they need a lot of support in their life.



This information will help think about what sort of homes people like to live in.



There must be rules for homes

- That people share
- Where people live by themselves with support.



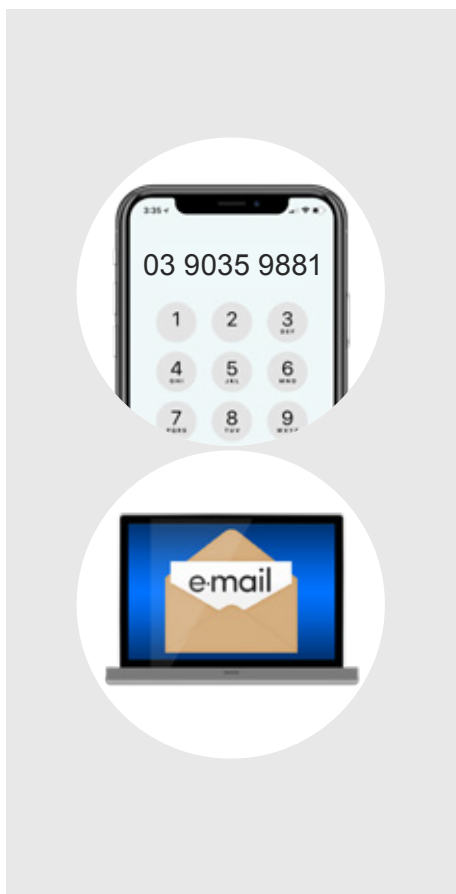
There must be checks to make sure the homes follow the rules and people are safe.



## More information



You can contact the Grattan Institute if you have questions about this report.



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