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Petition EN5993 – Protect NDIS Plan Management

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Petition Reason

The role of plan management is under threat. Plan managers are a legislated role supporting National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Participants by reducing their administrative burden. Almost 400,000 Participants (62%) choose to use a plan manager to handle the payment of \$19.2b/yr (50%) for their supports. Of that amount, plan managers only receive \$511 mil/yr, but the work they do is priceless. Plan management provides an additional level of independent accountability and visibility for taxpayers' funds for a low fixed fee (<2.0%). This essential financial oversight is subject to registration standards, pricing limits, and audits, with the highest scrutiny of all fund management methods. The NDIS Review recommends the removal of plan management and plan managers. Instead, recommending the introduction of a digital payments platform, and combining multiple support roles into one 'system navigator' role. This decision will directly affect Participants as well as their nominees and carers, forcing them to take on the additional administrative burden and reducing their support, regardless of their choice or capabilities. Plan Management is about so much more than paying the bills. Ironically, even the NDIS Review Final Report says "Plan Managers still have an important role to play in supporting prevention, detection, and response to non-compliance, sharp practice, and fraud."

Petition Request

We therefore ask the House to ensure the legislated role of plan managers continues to remain a choice for Participants. Protect plan managers as a method of accountability for taxpayers' funds, and protect the Participants' choice and control of support.

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