

The National Disability Research Partnership has been funded for two years, 2020-2022, by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services to build the case for large-scale, ongoing investment in a collaborative and inclusive disability research program that builds the evidence for successful innovation in policy and practice.



Governance

Who should run the NDRP and how?

This document sets out a recommended governance approach for the NDRP, which is designed to reflect the NDRP principles and the priorities of stakeholders. Structured as a company limited by guarantee, governing powers will sit with the NDRP membership, board of directors and partners.

NDRP Membership

Membership is open to individuals and organisations structured as a not for profit company limited by guarantee, including:

- people with disability
- family member, ally or supporter of a person with a disability
- advocates or representatives of people with disability, their families and carers
- service providers
- researchers with an interest in disability
- the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments

Annual membership fee

\$100

Constitution and member charter



Commitment to NDRP principles



NDRP Board of Directors

The Board will be skills-based and will include up to 12 directors. Of these, seven directors will be elected by members, three will be independent and two appointed by government. NDRP recognises the knowledge of people with disability and the value of representation. The following minimums will apply to the Board, noting that people are likely to fall into more than one of these categories.

50%
people with disability
(including chair)

25%
researchers

25%
families, allies,
supporters,
service providers

15%
First Nations or
Culturally and
Linguistically
Diverse people

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Board Committees

The following committees will help make recommendations for action to the board, which retains collective responsibility for decision making. Committees concentrate on and develop expertise in specific areas, ensuring that the full board can concentrate more on the “big picture”. There will also be an advisory structure that enables people who are not connected with the core organisations to be part of the governance process.



Research and Development

Advise on research priorities and develop a collaborative and strategic research program



Audit and Risk

Advise the NDRP board on accounting, reporting practices and external and internal audits



Governance and Nominations

Advise the NDRP board on good governance practices, NDRP principles, terms of reference and procedures



Membership and Partnership

Seek opportunities at state, national and international level to expand membership and member benefits

Annual and Strategic Plan

NDRP will prepare and share an annual and strategic plan and report against the objectives and outcomes in the plan.



01. STRATEGY

Facilitate a collaborative research program that adheres to NDRP principles



02. RESEARCH

Deliver on research agenda, address evidence gaps, align with key policies and build capacity



03. ENGAGEMENT

Deliver on the governance model, designed to engage a range of stakeholders



04. TRANSLATION

Translate and share research outcomes in a range of accessible ways

Contact us

This proposed governance approach is one of a series of recommendations for the future NDRP. Other recommendations include the research agenda, building research capacity, guide to NDRP research, knowledge translation and more. Please visit the website for more information:

www.ndrp.org.au