
















## Scorecard Table 1: Election Commitments that Shift the Dial on Autism (@12 May 2022)

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The Commitment we asked for:	COALITION	LABOR PARTY	GREENS
1. Develop and fund a <b>National Autism Strategy (NAS)</b> for the lifespan	 <a href="#">\$1m funding to develop</a>	 <a href="#">\$1m funding to develop</a>	 See Senate Inquiry <a href="#">Dissenting</a> report
2. Convene an ' <b>Autism and COVID Summit</b> ' in 2022 to develop autism responsive pandemic recovery initiatives including workforce shortage	 No commitment to Summit	 No commitment to Summit but Workforce plan will contain specific autism stream	 Support convening Summit
3. Develop a <b>National Roadmap to improve health and mental health outcomes</b> of autistic people (something also called for by the Disability Royal Commission)	 No commitment to Roadmap	 <a href="#">\$300k funding for initial development of a Roadmap</a>	 Develop a Roadmap
4. Ensure an <b>enduring and effective National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)</b> for the benefit of all people with disability	 Partial commitment Additional funding for the NDIS through to 2025  <a href="#">Refer detail below in Scorecard Table 2 NDIS Reforms</a>	 Fully fund the NDIS & 6 Point plan  <a href="#">Refer detail below in Scorecard Table 2 NDIS Reforms</a>	 Fully fund the NDIS and Age cap removal for NDIS eligibility  <a href="#">Refer detail below in Scorecard Table 2 NDIS Reforms</a>
5. Medicare - <b>lift rebates</b> and <b>remove the age cap</b> for people seeking an autism assessment together with initiatives to drive timely and quality assessments	 Partial commitment Initiated lifting the age cap from 13 to 25 and in implementation	 Partial commitment <a href="#">Lift the age cap from 13 to 25 years of age</a>	 Partial commitment Support lifting of all age caps & \$4.8 billion to fully cover mental healthcare including lifting rebates
<b>For more detail:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer <a href="#">National Autism Strategy</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Disability Employment Strategy</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Federal Budget funding</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">NDIS Reforms</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Other Policies</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer <a href="#">National Autism Strategy</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Better Support for People Living with Disabilities</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Better Future for the NDIS</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Other Policies</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer <a href="#">Accessible Australia</a></li> <li>Refer <a href="#">Policies</a></li> </ul>

## Scorecard Table 2: Election Commitments that Shift the Dial on Autism (@12 May 2022)

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Other	COALITION	LABOR PARTY	GREENS
<b>Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional <b>\$1.3M</b> to Autism Cooperative <b>Research</b> Centre (CRC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional <b>\$2M</b> to Autism Cooperative <b>Research</b> Centre (CRC)</li> <li>• <b>\$15M</b> for a National Disability Research Partnership</li> </ul>	
<b>Autism &amp; Other Relevant Commitments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$1.2M resources</b> to support Autism Awareness Australia to provide resources to help individuals and families navigate the first year following an autism diagnosis</li> <li>• National Autism Strategy will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify actions to drive better integration between federal and state service systems, including a roadmap to better integrate mainstream services for people with autism</li> <li>• identify actions to increase community understanding of autism. This will include consideration of a public education campaign about the diversity of the autism spectrum</li> <li>• action items for quality, evidence-based information about autism</li> <li>• include measures to monitor and report on the social inclusion of autistic people</li> <li>• ensure the supply of a suitable and appropriate workforce to deliver services for autistic people</li> <li>• include actions to integrate, promote and prioritise the employment of autistic people compatible with the Disability Employment Strategy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Autism Strategy will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for the next year to develop a coordinated national approach between all levels of government and service areas.</li> <li>• listen to autistic Australians and their families, carers, workers and service providers to forge a path to better outcomes in education and employment, social and economic participation, community attitudes, health and wellbeing, justice, domestic violence and research.</li> <li>• be a whole-of-life plan for all autistic Australians – not just those eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – and importantly, shaped by the experiences of autistic people</li> </ul> </li> <li>• support progress for autism with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a National Roadmap to specifically target health and mental health outcomes, with a \$300,000 investment to begin work immediately.</li> <li>• lifting the age cap for people seeking autism assessment from 13 to 25 years of age so that young adults can access a diagnosis and support.</li> <li>• specific autism focuses in our commitment to leave no person with a disability behind in the ongoing pandemic response, and in our plan to develop a comprehensive NDIS workforce strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Double existing support for individual and systemic advocacy with an additional \$10 million over 4 years to address systemic abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and support to navigate services</li> <li>• Improve employment outcomes with Disability Employment Centre for Excellence that will provide a clearinghouse for ideas and increase capacity among employment services</li> </ul> <p><u>Accessibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve disability access in the community by ensuring there are enough 'Changing Places' – disability toilets (400) for people with high support needs available across the country.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of areas outside of the NDIS – for example, accessible infrastructure and inclusive education</li> <li>• \$2.5 billion to implement national rollout of Individual Placement and Support program</li> <li>• 20% quota for full disabled employee reps in Public Service by 2030</li> <li>• Extra \$30M for disability advocacy organisations over 4 years</li> <li>• Increase all income support payments above the poverty line (\$88/day)</li> <li>• Increase number of peer workers by 1,000</li> <li>• A Disability Minister that is disabled</li> </ul> <p>* The Greens will be seeking in the next parliament to remove the Medicare age cap altogether.</p> <p><u>Accessibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make disabled people's physical and digital worlds accessible, including by establishing a new \$3 billion Accessible Infrastructure Fund</li> </ul>

Other	COALITION	LABOR PARTY	GREENS
<p><b>NDIS Reforms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100M to access advocacy &amp; legal support</li> <li>• Increasing transparency within the NDIA, particularly in the home and living space</li> <li>• Enacting new legislation to improve Scheme bureaucracy, with a focus on enhancing the participants' experience</li> <li>• Prioritise listening to the participants</li> <li>• Referring to the IAC and DRCO's for co-design and ensuring people's voices are heard</li> <li>• Improving access to mid-cost assistive technology</li> <li>• Reducing the number of younger people (those under 65) in aged care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Expert Review Mechanism to ensure individual NDIS plans are not arbitrarily cut</li> <li>• Lift the NDIA staffing cap (additional 300 staff), reduce service provider fraud, and investigate AAT appeals and spending on external lawyers and consultants</li> <li>• Bring forward a planned review of the scheme and consult on terms of reference that will consider all available evidence and look at benefits/ problems inside and outside the NDIS.</li> <li>• Codesign with people with disability, their families and carers, and service providers and workers</li> <li>• Share governance with people with disability and their families and State and Territory Governments, and ensure the scheme is working with mainstream services. Increase the number of people with disability on the NDIA executive and board</li> <li>• A review of NDIS pricing, markets, and compliance, and develop a comprehensive NDIS workforce strategy</li> <li>• Match additional funding for NDIS Appeals providers to cope with numbers of AAT cases</li> <li>• Pause current government's change to Supported Independent Living (SIL)</li> <li>• Investigate the \$500 million Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) underspend to ensure people with disability can access appropriate housing</li> <li>• Publish data so the scheme can be properly monitored, evaluated, and interrogated</li> <li>• Consider continued support for a National Disability Data Asset to ensure changes to the NDIS are based on proper evidence</li> <li>• Fix the planning pathway and appeals to make NDIS decision-making more efficient, fair, and investment focused</li> <li>• Appoint a senior officer within the NDIA to tackle the barriers to service delivery in remote areas of Australia and other areas</li> <li>• Investigate the NDIA Call Centre operation so participants and their families get the best possible service</li> <li>• Make all proposed changes to the scheme transparent to rebuild trust between the NDIS and the people who rely on it for support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$300m funding on NDIS Quality and Safeguards commission</li> <li>• removal of the cap on staff under the NDIS to at least 6500, that are appropriately trained</li> </ul>