

## **A strong foundation: how well-designed foundational supports could save the NDIS**

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### **What is the topic to be discussed?**

This panel will explore evidence being drawn together by governments and the disability sector as NDIS reforms unfold, with a focus on designing and commissioning foundational supports.

Note: the topic may be amended closer to the conference date, given the delay in government responses to the DRC and NDIS Review.

### **What are the key questions/agenda you would like to raise for discussion? (50 words)**

The session will explore how evidence is being used in policy and practice, and gaps in evidence, tied to the introduction of foundational supports and more broadly, government responses to the recommendations of the DRC and NDIS Review.

### **Who will lead and contribute to the discussion? Please include the names of the panel members here, and add them as co-authors below (select Yes for Presenter).**

Note: Panel members will be added as co-authors later. The panel members may change subject to availability on the conference date, or if government responses to the DRC and NDIS Review highlight other areas of interest or concern.

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**How do you plan to engage the audience? (e.g. ask for audience input in response to the topic questions and/or invite them to question panellists)**

The panel will discuss the Disability Dialogue Discovery project (<https://disabilitydialogue.com.au/projects/disability-discovery-project/>), research on Tier 2 of the NDIS (<https://apo.org.au/node/319016>), linked government and NDIS data sets, and questions around foundational supports in the broader context of the NDIS, Australia's Disability Strategy, and progress on social and economic inclusion for all Australians with disability.

After a brief introduction from the session chair (5 minutes), each panel member will speak briefly about their work related to the topic, guided by questions from the chair (25 minutes). The session will then open up to a discussion between the panel and audience members (15 minutes).

**Why is this important and how does it contribute to the theme of 'New Frontiers'? How might this panel discussion showcase or debate new ideas and how we might make the world a better place for people with disability?**

The panel showcases the work of the Disability Dialogue, which is led by people with disability - <https://disabilitydialogue.com.au/>. It aims to amplify the voices of people with disability in evidence for policy and practice.