

Regulatory Safeguarding Reforms – Ministerial Virtual Roundtable Consultation – Privacy Collection Notice

Your personal information is protected by law, including under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act).

The Department of Social Services (the Department, we, us, our), collects personal information about individuals for a range of purposes to enable us to carry out our functions. More information about how we handle your personal information is set out in our [Privacy Policy](#).

This privacy collection notice aims to ensure you are aware of certain matters in relation to our collection of your personal information, as required by the Privacy Act.

What is the purpose of the collection?

The Australian Government is seeking the views of the community to inform proposed amendments to the NDIS Act in the Getting the NDIS Back on Track Bill No.2 (Bill No.2).

Information provided during the online event will be used by the Department and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission), to gather feedback on the legislation reform agenda, and inform future consultations on NDIS reforms and Bill No.2.

What is ‘personal information’ and ‘sensitive information’?

Personal information is information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Sensitive information is a subset of personal information. It includes information or an opinion about your racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, membership of associations or unions, sexual orientation or practices, criminal record, or health, genetic or biometric information.

What we collect

Attending the event is anonymous. You can choose to participate in online event anonymously or by providing a pseudonym (a fake name) when providing a question in the slido for the Question and Answer .

Through your participation in the online event, the Department and the NDIS Commission will collect a range of information, if you choose to share it:

- Your name or any other identifying information when submitting a question or comment via Slido.
- Your personal experiences that you choose to share.

Please only provide information about other individuals where they have consented to you sharing the information with us or you are otherwise authorised to disclose the information to us (for example, you are a parent or guardian to a child or the primary carer of a person who is unable to provide consent).

How we collect and use your personal information

The Department and the NDIS Commission will collect your personal information for the purpose of informing proposed amendments to the NDIS Act through the in the Getting the NDIS Back on Track Bill No.2 (Bill No.2).

The Department and the NDIS Commission will collect your personal information to:

- Facilitate your attendance to the online event;
- Analyse your input to the event;
- Analyse the findings of the event and its implications for the future direction of the NDIS reform; and
- Include your quotes and feedback in consultation reports and to inform future consultations on the NDIS reform .

If you choose to participate in the online event, the Department will collect your personal information by:

- Taking notes of what people choose to share during events, including keeping a record of comments made in the Slido function; and
- Recording video and audio of the event and keeping transcripts of what was said during the event.

The Department will use Microsoft Teams Townhall to hold and record the event. At the conclusion of the event, the recording will be published publicly on the NDIS Commission's YouTube.

Who we disclose your personal information to

We may disclose your personal information to the following people, organisations or third parties:

- The NDIS Commission
- Facilitator, Elly Desmarchelier
- Other parties where the disclosure is required or authorised by law
- At the conclusion of the event, the recording of the event will be published publicly on the NDIS Commission's YouTube.

All entities contracted by the Department are subject to strict confidentiality, privacy and security obligations.

Managing preferences

When participating in consultation events, you may choose to use a pseudonym (a fake name). Alternatively, if you are concerned about sharing your personal information, you may contact consultation@ndiscommission.gov.au to discuss.

Storage of your personal information

Storage of personal information (and the disposal of information when no longer required) is managed in accordance with the Australian Government records management regime, including the *Archives Act 1983*, agency-specific records authorities and general records authorities. This ensures your personal information is held securely by the Department.

Any information disclosed to third parties will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and stored in accordance with agreed security protocols.

More information

The Department's [Privacy Policy](#) contains more information about how we handle personal information, how you can access any personal information that we hold, and how to seek correction of that personal information. It also contains information about how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, as set out in the Privacy Act.

If you have any concerns or questions, you can contact us at complaints@dss.gov.au.

Confirmation and consent

You consent to the Department collecting your personal information and handling your personal information in accordance with this Privacy Collection Notice by:

- participating in the online event
- providing your personal information when participating in the event, including through Slido.