

A Guide on what to say to your Federal MP when you contact them

Send an email or phone your local MP

Use the [How to find and contact your MP guide](#) to find the contact details of your MP.

Let your MP know you are a local constituent and you live in their area. Tell them what suburb you live in. They will be more likely to listen to you as a local constituent.

Don't forget when you phone/email your MP to be polite.

Explain why you are emailing/calling

"I would like to speak to (MP's name) because the NDIS has cut funding for vital swallowing therapies which is putting people at risk of choking and dying".

"I am calling/emailing you because I believe people with swallowing difficulties need therapies and these should be funded by NDIS"

"The NDIS has cut swallowing therapies from participant's NDIS plans".

Reasons why the NDIs must reverse funding cuts

"The NDIS says the health system should fund swallowing therapy but swallow therapies have always been a disability service responsibility, not a health responsibility".

"The NDIS has the funds for the specialist swallowing therapy but says it is not responsible".

"The NDIS was supposed to support people with disability to lead a good life. Removing important services like swallowing support is putting people at risk".

"The NDIS has got it wrong and this is dangerous for people with disability as it can lead to choking and even death".

Ask them to take action

“I would like to know that you support the restoration of NDIS swallowing therapy funding.”

I would like you to talk to other members of your political party about taking action on this important issue”.

“I would like you to write a letter to the Minister for Family and Social Services, Hon Paul Fletcher asking him fund swallowing therapies in NDIS plans”.

Let us know how the MP responded

We would like to hear from you about what your MP said. This will help us to see which MPs support the call to restore NDIS swallowing therapy funding.

If you would like any assistance, please get in touch with the advocacy team.

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