

Address email/letter to one or both of:

Minister for Social Services Dan Tehan, or your local Federal MP

Dear < Federal MP>,

**Re: McKinsey & Co Independent Pricing Review report, commissioned by NDIA**

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the McKinsey recommendations, which I believe will adversely impact the lives of vulnerable Australians who have a range of significant and permanent disabilities.

In particular two recommendations are of significant concern - recommendation 17, which outlines a tiered pricing structure for physical therapy that appears to be based on existing, irrelevant compensation schemes; and recommendation 19, which outlines travel compensation for therapists travelling to and between participants within the NDIS.

These recommendations for a reformed price-setting methodology, as well as the definition of participant complexity and the way that travel is treated within the scheme will lead to a reduction in the quality of services for people living with disability. This is in complete contrast to the very important aims of the NDIS, which are to make a positive difference in the lives of people living with disability.

Neither the Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA), of which I am a member, nor any of the other allied health peak bodies were consulted on these recommendations prior to them being delivered, and accepted, by the NDIA.

There is a strong feeling within the physiotherapy profession, and more broadly within other allied health professions, that practitioners will deregister as NDIS providers rather than work with the recommendations as they currently stand.

I request your urgent intervention to delay the acceptance and implementation of these recommendations, so that more appropriate solutions can be secured via consultation with the relevant peak health bodies, including the APA.

I also welcome the opportunity to meet with you or speak in more detail on the phone about these issues which I believe will very much adversely affect the ability of the most vulnerable members of our community to live an ordinary, contributing life.

Please feel free to contact me at <email address> or <phone number>.

Yours faithfully,

<Member name>