

Recommendations for Minister Robert: That you

1. Agree with Minister Ruston to transfer policy and administrative responsibility for the ILC grant program from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to the Department of Social Services (the department).	Agreed / Not Agreed
2. Agree the transfer occur as follows:	
a. The immediate transfer of policy responsibility for the future of the ILC grant program, including the lead on the evaluation of ILC and development of a new Investment Strategy.	Agreed / Not Agreed
b. Transitioning approximately 300 existing ILC grants as soon as practicable, with further advice on precise arrangements and timing to be provided.	Agreed / Not Agreed
c. The department and the NDIA working closely to finalise the Individual Capacity Building grant round that closed on 6 May 2020, with further advice to be provided on how these grants will be transitioned to the department.	Agreed / Not Agreed
d. The NDIA's two planned Economic and Community Participation grant rounds not proceed until the department provides you with further advice on options for the remaining uncommitted ILC grant funding.	Agreed / Not Agreed
3. Agree the NDIA retain the Local Area Coordination function.	Agreed / Not Agreed
4. If you agree recommendations 1 to 3, agree the Secretary of the department write to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NDIA to advise of your decision and the implications for the NDIA's planned forthcoming grant rounds.	Agreed / Not Agreed

Minister Robert's Comments

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Key Issues:

1. The ILC consists of two components: the ILC grants program, and referral, information and capacity building services undertaken by Local Area Coordinators (LAC) as part of their broader role. This brief recommends transitioning ILC policy responsibility and grant delivery to the department, with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) retaining responsibility for LAC in the medium term.
2. The ILC seeks to give effect to what was originally conceived by the Productivity Commission as "Tier 2" of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). In line with the original concept, ILC grant activities are available to all 4.4 million people living with disability in Australia, including those who are not NDIS participants. The original Tier 2 concept focused on providing supports to people with disability outside the NDIS to improve their outcomes, in turn reducing the likelihood they would require support from the NDIS.