



“KPMG Speaks” NDIS is a mess!

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Suboptimal says it all. That’s the language KPMG used. Released late Friday into the media storm around the tragic Malaysian Airlines disaster the very important KPMG review of NDIS makes ugly reading. Let’s hope the timing of the report released was scheduled and not a clumsy attempt by NDIA government officials to divert attention by trying to ensure the scheme escaped intensive media scrutiny?

With concerning KPMG commentary that includes “**Funding influences policy which influences operations**” impacting at the very core of NDIS philosophy the reality that this program will deliver the services that people with disability need, without the Federal Government committing more resources is appearing increasingly problematic. The interpretation that NDIS appears more and more like other Federal Government agency controlled programs where funding is being restricted and service may be rationed is concerning. The failure of such rationing systems has been widely documented around the disability community for decades.

It was interesting to note that **the report also suggests final participants will be 431,000**

The 2011 Productivity Commission report and all previous commentary suggested 460,000 people will be NDIS eligible

What is the real NDIS number? Is the number being managed down (and a big federal government cost saving being realised)?

You can draw your own conclusion by reading the less than impressive KPMG report below. We are not sure what this report cost but we imagine it was substantial. Some of the language, graphics, commentary and recommendations appear more like the work of an average year 12 high school student than the professional report that a potential \$22.0 billion dollar per annum scheme should be assessed on. Apologies if we have offended any high school students.

Please click the link below and read and draw your own conclusions. At 17 pages the KPMG report is at best flimsy

http://www.ndis.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/kpmg_paper.pdf

Clearly there is a need for the Federal Government to urgently direct additional resources, leadership and appropriate funding to NDIS now or the program risks implosion.

There is nothing in the report that suggests ultimately NDIS will not succeed if the management and engagement issues currently blocking NDIS are removed.

Having more people with genuine experience of living with Intellectual disability on NDIS Advisory Committee would be a good start as people with intellectual disability are after all the largest consumer group and will be most profoundly affected unless this NDIS challenges are redirected soon.

The KPMG report is not good, anyway you wish to read it!

Maybe we could use that fancy word from the report "Fungibility" and interchange this report for something better with better support from the Federal Government.

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