



## News from NDIS

Flexibility in Transport Funding for NDIS Participants announced.

**Media release from the Minister : 3 February 2020**

Minister for the NDIS, Stuart Robert, today announced more flexibility and increased choice for participants accessing transport funding in their plans.

From 1 March 2020, NDIS participants will be able to flexibly use their plan's core support funding to claim service provider costs associated with transporting participants to and from NDIS funded community-based activities.

Providers will be able to claim some of their vehicle running costs when offering transport to a participant in conjunction with the community activities identified in their NDIS plan. These costs – which are in addition to the support worker's time – are factored at a per kilometre rate and can be claimed by providers as a separate item as part of the support they are delivering to participants

Minister Robert said transport funding in NDIS plans has always been about assisting participants to access the community and to maintain or increase their independence.

'This change will give participants more autonomy in their plans, and greater choice and control over the services and supports they need,' Mr Robert said.

Participants and providers can discuss and agree on non-labour costs, when arranging a service booking, including:

- up to \$0.85 a kilometre for a standard vehicle not modified for accessibility;
- up to \$2.40 a kilometre for a vehicle that is modified for accessibility or a bus; and
- other forms of transport or associated costs up to the full amount, such as road tolls, parking, public transport fares.

### How to Find Providers in Your Area

NDIS have posted a quick 1:25 minute video on how to do this on YouTube.

Go to YouTube or the NDIS site and search for: [NDIS How do I find providers in my area?](#)