



Reconstructing Mental
Health Post-NDIS:
Examining contemporary
narratives and
frameworks

THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME IN CONTEXT

Necessary:

- Disability care was an unfunded national liability
- Access to supports was inconsistent and inequitable

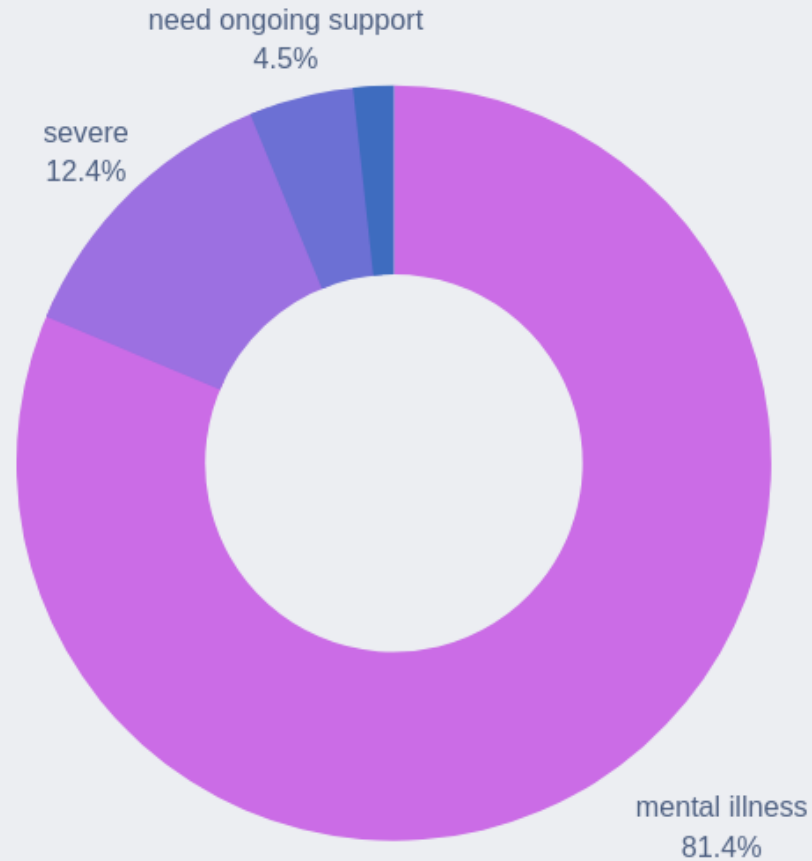
Unprecedented:

- The market and funding arrangements are complex
- Australia's geographic spread is different
- It has eliminated other funding sources for many support types

Not working well:

- Inconsistent eligibility outcomes after long delays
- Information asymmetry and shifting goalposts
- Thin markets, market failure and inadequate stewardship
- High rejection rates and inadequate plans for people with psychosocial disability

WHAT DETERMINES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MENTAL ILLNESS, PSYCHOSOCIAL DISABILITY AND NDIS ELIGIBILITY?



Data adapted from Smith-Merry et al, 2018 [1]

The criteria for determining whether a person has a psychosocial disability are contestable, largely because there is no authoritative definition. Depending on the conceptual model applied, anywhere from 1.7% to 100% of Australians with a mental health diagnosis have a degree of psychosocial disability. This largely depends on whether the diagnosis is categorised as an illness or a disability, and whether a medical or social model of disability is applied.

Severe,
persistent
mental ill
health

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Psychosocial
disability

**Medical
model**

Social Model

**Mental Health
Recovery
Model**

Recovery is described as a personal process to 're-establish self-esteem, identity and a meaningful role in society' (National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum 2011).

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Psychosocial
disability

Absence of an
appropriate
epistemological
environment



Presence of
structural violence

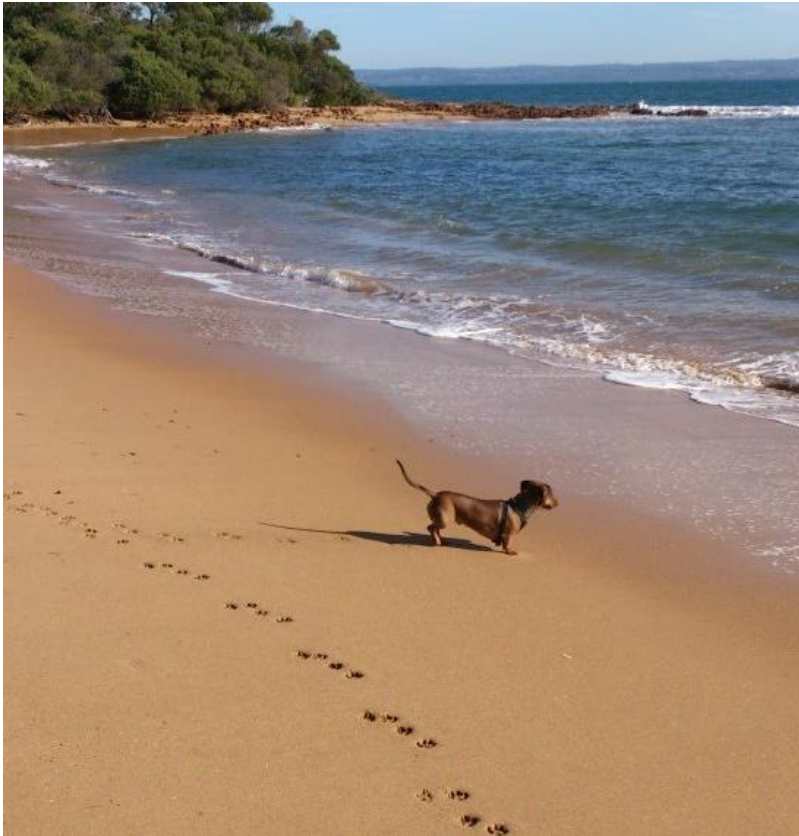
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