

## Independence and Participation Committee meeting update October 2015

### Committee meeting update

The Committee met on 29 October 2015. The key outcomes from the meeting were for Vision 2020 Australia to continue advocacy efforts with regards to the NDIS and aged care.

It was reported that the Committee has responded to four consultations in October on both aged care and NDIS subjects.

The Committee noted that the Snapshot Survey Report and summary report are complete and were launched on 26 August 2015 at the NDS Disability Research to Action Seminar.

It was noted that advocacy relating to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly on the inclusion of key indicators disaggregated by disability, is an immediate priority of the Committee. It was reported that Vision 2020 Australia will send a letter to the Australian Government highlighting the importance of including key eye health and vision care indicators in the Sustainable Development Goal Indicator framework.

The Committee considered Vision 2020 Australia's draft Federal Election Policy Platform for 2016, providing feedback and input. The Platform will be finalised early in 2016.

### Organisations represented

- Australian College of Optometry
- Blind Citizens Australia
- Brien Holden Vision Institute
- Centre for Eye Research Australia
- Guide Dogs NSW/ACT
- Guide Dogs SA/NT
- Guide Dogs Victoria
- Keratoconus Australia Inc
- Optometry Australia
- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

- VisAbility
- Vision Australia