



Organisational Profile

Independent lived-experience intelligence for stronger systems, better decisions and reduced harm.

Lived experience is not symbolic consultation. It is operational intelligence.

Who we are

The National Lived Experience Commission (NLEC) is an independent, ACNC-registered Australian charity that structures lived-experience knowledge into evidence, standards, public-interest reporting and practical governance insight. NLEC works across disability, health, housing, justice and other systems where policy decisions have direct human consequences.

NLEC is not a government agency or regulator. It strengthens accountability by identifying the gap between policy intent and what people experience in practice.

What we do

- Identify systemic risks, implementation failures and emerging harm before escalation.
- Capture and translate first-hand experience into structured, decision-useful evidence.
- Develop co-design, lived-experience governance, reform-readiness and accountability frameworks.
- Publish independent analysis, parliamentary submissions and national evidence products.
- Provide government and institutional briefings, consultation and evidence-methodology support.

Parliamentary engagement

NLEC has contributed evidence to Australian parliamentary inquiries, including Submission 1129 and supplementary material on the NDIS Amendment Bill 2026, and Submission 19 to the Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS Annual Report No. 2 inquiry. On 11 September 2026, NLEC gave public evidence at Parliament House, Canberra, to the Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS.

Current evidence priorities

- NDIS reform and safeguards
- Housing and homelessness
- Lived-experience governance and co-design
- Systemic harm and implementation readiness
- Responsible AI and data in public systems

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