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PORTER BEGINS PURGE OF NDIS BOARD

[Reports today reveal](#) that the Minister for Social Services, Christian Porter is seeking to purge the board of the NDIS by sacking the chairman, Bruce Bonyhady.

Bruce Bonyhady is widely respected as the father of the NDIS.

Bruce's leadership of the NDIS over the last three years deserves praise and respect. Instead Mr Porter is pushing for the sacking of Mr Bonyhady.

Mr Porter wants to use Bruce Bonyhady as a scapegoat for problems with the scheme that are Mr Porter's responsibility.

He wants to corporatise the NDIS and install a board that will do his bidding.

Mr Porter and the Turnbull Government have failed on the NDIS in three major ways:

- Failing to adequately resource the National Disability Insurance Agency so it can meet the demands of full rollout.
- Botching the development of the IT system – the MyPlace portal, resulting in significant delays to the assessment of participants and significant periods in which disability service providers went unpaid.
- Failing to meet the August 2015 deadline for signing the bilateral agreements with the states. Some jurisdictions did not sign their agreements until May 2016.

If Mr Porter is looking for someone to blame for the problems with the rollout of the NDIS he should look in the mirror.

Mr Porter's mishandling of the NDIS rollout is undermining confidence in the NDIS.

Mr Porter can't blame anyone else - the rollout of the NDIS is his responsibility and the buck stops with [him](#).

The NDIS is the biggest social policy reform since Medicare, its needs people with a deep understanding of the disability sector - it needs people with a lived experience of disability.

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