



Supported Independent Living (SIL) Audit Pilot

The supported independent living (SIL) audit pilot was conducted between February and March 2026 to test the effectiveness of support-specific SIL Practice Standards and guidance, and to identify areas for improvement.

Aim of the SIL Practice Standards

- Safeguard participants in high-risk SIL environments, particularly people with disability living in congregate care settings.
- Strengthen the voice, rights and freedoms of people with disability in the way their SIL supports are delivered.
- Further clarify provider obligations of the Core Module practice standards to demonstrate good practice in SIL settings.



What was tested

SIL Supported Decision Making (SDM) Practice Standard and Evidence Guides in test audit context.



Who was involved

Diverse range of SIL Providers and their Approved Quality Auditor (AQA) who were progressing a renewal or mid-term audit.

12 Registered SIL providers engaged

9 Approved Quality Auditors participated



What we heard

What worked well

- SIL Practice Standard structure and participant, provider, and worker perspectives were well received.
- The participant-centred approach was strongly supported.
- The intent and human rights foundation of SDM was strongly endorsed.
- Participants and workers reported increased confidence in decision-making rights.

What can be improved

- Simplify and clarify Quality Indicators for more consistent measurement.
- Strengthen SIL-specific guidance.
- Enhance Evidence Guides with practical scenario-based examples.
- Provide targeted education for auditors, providers and workers to support implementation.



Next steps

What we heard will help us refine the SIL Practice Standards, strengthen Evidence Guides and build sector capability for implementation of the SIL Practice Standards.