

**Disability Act 2006**  
**Victorian Senior Practitioner Direction**  
**Authorised Program Officers**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this direction is to ensure Authorised Program Officers are not authorising the proposed use of regulated restrictive practices within a behaviour support plan or an NDIS behaviour support plan which has been prepared by the Authorised Program Officer.

**2. Authorising provision**

This direction is made under section 132ZO of the Act.

**3. Application**

This direction applies to:

- (a) all disability service providers (b)  
all registered NDIS providers.

**4. Term**

This direction commences on the date it is signed and continues in effect until it is revoked or modified by the Victorian Senior Practitioner.

**5. Definitions**

In this direction:

- (a) 'Act' means the Disability Act 2006;  
(b) 'Providers' means the providers listed in paragraph 3 who must comply with this direction;  
(c) 'Victorian Senior Practitioner' means the person appointed as the Senior Practitioner under section 23 of the Act;  
(d) expressions used shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same respective meaning as they have in the Act.

**6. Direction**

I, Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner, under section 132ZO of the Act, direct the Providers to ensure that an Authorised Program Officer of the Provider does not authorise the:

- (a) proposed use of regulated restrictive practices in a person's NDIS behaviour support plan;  
or  
(b) inclusion of the proposed use of regulated restrictive practices in a person's behaviour support plan, if the Authorised Program Officer prepared the person's NDIS behaviour support plan or behaviour support plan (as the case requires).

**Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023**



**Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner**