



NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) FACT SHEET

The Productivity Commission recommends a **National Long Term Care and Support Scheme for people with a disability.**

1. A National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that would provide disability-related services and supports to the community, with emphasis on funded supports for people with significant disability and their carers, to be funded by the Australian Government.
2. A National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) which would address catastrophic injuries from accidents.

The NSW Government vision

- The NSW Government supports, in principle, the proposal for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS).
- The NSW Government's vision for a future disability service system is one in which people with a disability, their family and carers are at the centre, directing the supports and services they need for full participation in the economic and social life of their community.

We need an NDIS to meet growing demand for disability services

- In NSW, demand for disability services is increasing by nearly 10 per cent every year.
- Not addressing the increasing demand will have severe consequences for people with a disability, their families and carers.
- The NSW Government is committed to injecting an additional \$2 billion of funding over the five years into the NSW Disability Support System between now and 2015/16. However beyond this period growth in demand will exceed the capacity of the State Government.
- We must move from a reactive, crisis driven and rationed system to a system where people with a disability, their families and carers are front and centre of decision making.

Let's create a sustainable support system

- A NDIS ensures a sustainable support system and provides greater certainty for people with a disability, their families and carers.
- The Productivity Commission proposals provide security of funding arrangements and the basis of a model that can ensure coverage of all people with a disability who will receive support according to assessed need.
- The NDIS proposal aligns with the reforms by the NSW Government and its commitment to person centred approaches. As such the NSW Government recommends the Hunter Region in NSW to provide a test site to trial the model on behalf of all states. The Hunter Region is ideal to host the trial and build on the Hunter Access Point – a single access point for community care.

Show your support

To express support for the introduction of a NDIS people can register via the national campaign Every Australian Counts www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au
The campaign is being led by the National People with Disability and Carers Council and the National Disability Services.