



## Opportunities and Challenges arising from the National Reforms

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# NDIS

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- **NDIS is a no fault, universal, scheme providing reasonable and necessary support to enable eligible people with disability to participate socially and economically.**
- **Tier 1 – for everyone**
  - As insurance, NDIS pools risk and resources to be able to provide long term support for people with a significant disability
- **Tier 2 – approx. 4m people with disability and their families**
  - Information, referral, facilitated connection to opportunities and community, capacity building
- **Tier 3 – approx. 460,000 people who have significant life long disability or for whom early intervention will reduce long term need for disability support to be**
  - More independent
  - More included socially and economically

## A new paradigm

Current system	NDIS
<b>Welfare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 'Poor and needy'</li> <li>▪ Maximise deficits to maximise funds</li> </ul>	<b>Insurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Costs over a life time</li> <li>▪ Invest early to build capacity</li> <li>▪ Strategies to mitigate lifelong risk</li> </ul>
Capped funds	Reasonable and necessary support
Funds to services	Funds to individuals
8 State and territory schemes	1 National scheme
\$11billion	\$22 billion

## Reasonable and necessary support

- **Goals and aspirations**
- **Informal support / Mainstream services**
- **Reasonable and necessary support for the gap**
- **Supports that the NDIS funds must**
  - Focus on the participant's goals and aspirations
  - Foster greater independence, social and economic participation
  - Be evidence based
  - Represent value for money
  - Not be the responsibility of another service system

## NDIS Catalogue of Support and Outcomes Framework

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NDIA Outcomes Framework aligned to support item purpose and support name - Adult

SUPPORT PURPOSE	OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK DOMAIN (DISPLAYS ON PLAN)	SUPPORT CATEGORY (DISPLAYS ON PLAN WITH BUDGETS)
CORE	Daily Living	Assistance with daily life at home in the community, education and at work Supported Independent Living Transport to access daily activities
CAPACITY BUILDING	Daily Living Home Health and Wellbeing Lifelong learning Work Social, community participation Relationships Choice and Control	Improved daily living skills Improved living arrangements Improved health and wellbeing Improved learning Get and keep a job Increased social and community activities Improved relationships Improved life choices
CAPITAL	Daily Living	Assistive technology for daily living Vehicle modifications
	Home	Assistive technology for the home Home modifications

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## Focus on outcomes

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- Sustainability of NDIS linked to good lives for people with disability
- Outcomes framework collects data on:
  - Number of participants
  - Characteristics of these participants
  - Outcomes of these participants
  - Costs of supports provided to participants
- Overtime will provide unique data to evaluate the effectiveness of different models of support

## Outcomes framework



- **Cohorts**
  - Children from birth to school entry
  - Children from school entry to age 14
  - Young people aged 15 to 24
  - Adults 25 to 55
  - Older adults over 55
- **Domains within cohorts such as:**
  - Choice and control
  - Daily activities
  - Relationships
  - Home
  - Health and wellbeing
  - Lifelong learning
  - Work
  - Social, community and civic participation

## Opportunities and challenges

- **To think about the life your family member with disability wants**
- **To step outside the security of known services and imagine something different**
- **To change the expectations of those around you**
- **To be assisted to implement your dreams**
- **To have the time required to take the steps**

## NSW Government moving out of disability service provision

- By July 2018, NSW government will provide no direct disability services
- Direct services
  - Group homes being transferred to the non government sector.
  - Uncertain future for expertise from specialist services e.g. Behaviour Intervention Support

### Challenge:

- That wishes, preferences and best interest of residents is primary concern in transferring people's home
- That the expertise of specialist services not lost

## NSW Inclusion Act



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### Disability Inclusion Plans

outline how NSW public authorities will make mainstream services and community facilities more accessible to people with disability, helping to build a more inclusive communities in NSW

## Inclusion Plan guidelines

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- **Alignment in 4 priority areas:**
  - Positive community attitudes and behaviours
  - Creating liveable Communities
  - supporting access to meaningful employment
  - Improving access to mainstream services through better accessible systems and processes.
- **Consultation** – A greater emphasis is placed on consultation at all stages of planning, implementation and monitoring with people with disability, staff and the broader community.
- **Governance** – Highlighting the importance of governance and accountability at all stages to encourage effective implementation.

## A Disability Inclusion Plan

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- **Outlines specific actions to facilitate access to mainstream services for people with disability**
- **Is a vehicle to engage with the disability community to bring to life real solutions for better inclusion**
- **Includes assessment and monitoring of actions within each plan**

## **Opportunities and challenges**

- **To get involved in planning in your local area**
- **To share YOUR vision of an inclusive community with others**
- **Your Council may need to be influenced**