

Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Disability Care and Support

The Productivity Commission has accepted that the disability system is not meeting people's needs or the needs of the nation and has recommended a complete overhaul. The opening words of the draft report say it all – “the disability support system overall is inequitable, underfunded, fragmented and inefficient and gives people with a disability little choice.”

The Commission is proposing 2 schemes. The larger is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – providing support to approx 360,000 people whose disability has a significant impact on their daily life.

A second smaller scheme -the National Injury Insurance Scheme - would provide support for people who suffer a catastrophic injury and be based on widening and strengthening existing state based schemes.

A person getting support from the NDIS would need to have a permanent disability and meet one of the following conditions:

- Have significant limitations in communication, mobility and self care
- Have an intellectual disability
- Have a condition for which early intervention would improve functioning
- Be a person for whom intervention would have significant benefits

The list of supports the NDIS would provide include:

- Aids, equipment, home and vehicle modifications
- Personal care
- Community access – to support community inclusion
- Respite
- Specialist accommodation support
- Domestic assistance
- Transport assistance
- Therapies
- Guide and assistance dogs
- Case management and coordination
- Specialist employment services
- Crisis/emergency support

The Commission has suggested a pilot project in 2014 in one region in Australia. This would extend to the whole of the country the following year, progressively expanding, by 2018, to all eligible individuals

Have your say at a forum near you! Forums will be held in every Federal electorate, so please see locations at the bottom of this flyer.

PUBLIC FORUMS

Have your say on the recently released Productivity Commission Report recommending a National Disability Insurance Scheme!



These forums will contain a quick summary of the main features of the report and then host a discussion asking you which areas you think might need attention. From now until the end of April is a really crucial period in which you must speak up if you want to shape the outcome of the final draft. We will be encouraging everyone to think about putting their feedback into a submission to send to the Commission. Each of the forums is deliberately located in a federal electorate and we will be inviting the relevant members to come and hear your concerns. We have attached a schedule of venues and dates and really hope you will come along to give your reaction to the report. Just to clarify this is a basic summary and discussion forum not a consultation.

For the latest information on the campaign please visit our website - www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au

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NDIS CAMPAIGN FORUM SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Federal Representative/ Electorate	Venue
25-Mar	1pm - 3.30pm	Mr Ken Wyatt Hasluck	Guildford Landing Function Centre - 114 Swan Street, Guildford
30 or 31 March		Hon Stephen Smith Perth	TBA
31-Mar	1 - 3.30pm	Mr Dennis Jensen Tagney	Melville Recreation Centre - Cnr Canning & Stock Road Melville
4-Apr		Mr Steve Irons Swan	TBA
11-Apr		Mr Luke Simpkin Cowan	TBA
14-Apr	7 - 9pm	Hon Julie Bishop Curtin	Curtin/Christchurch School Ethics centre Claremont