



## National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland – April 2014 update

The NDIS will deliver significant change for everyone in the disability sector when it rolls out in Queensland from 1 July 2016, and we all have a role in making it the best scheme possible.

Throughout 2014 the Queensland Government is supporting people, providers and the community to prepare for the future.

The Queensland Government is also working with the Australian Government and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) on how and when eligible people will move into the scheme.

### Queensland Disability Plan 2014–19

The release of the [Queensland Disability Plan 2014–19](#) in December was an important step in Queensland's planning for the NDIS. The plan sets out how:

1. Queensland will prepare for the NDIS
2. mainstream services and sectors, such as education, health, transport, tourism and housing, will be accessible and inclusive for all Queenslanders.

The plan has seven priorities for change and these are supported by actions across the next five years.

#### Subscribe to be informed about the NDIS

Keep your finger on the pulse by [subscribing](#) to our new 'pulse' e-newsletter.

### Queensland Disability Conference 2014

On 24 and 25 March, 550 delegates attended the Queensland Disability Conference in Brisbane to hear about the NDIS and Queensland's preparations for the scheme.

Speakers included:

- **Minister Tracy Davis** — Queensland's commitment and vision for the NDIS
- **David Bowen** — NDIS principles, directions, trends and trials
- **Senator Mitch Fifield** — the Australian Government's commitment to the NDIS
- **Jennifer Cullen** — choice in a rural and regional environment
- **Sharon Boyce** — we each have a role in preparing for and shaping the NDIS.

The two-day program included three panel sessions, 15 concurrent sessions and the Queensland Disability Awards ceremony.

A range of the conference resources are available in video or transcript format on [our website](#).

### **Preparing people, providers and communities for the NDIS**

The Queensland Government is working towards rolling out a participant readiness initiative from July 2014. Several other capacity building initiatives are also being developed. Subscribe to the new *pulse e-newsletter* to stay informed about these initiatives.

These activities will build on the Sector Readiness and Workforce Capacity Initiative that started in July 2013 to help providers develop the skills of their front line workforce.

Providers have used the range of resources, including an organisational development tool and training modules to support organisational efficiency, viability and sustainability into the future.

Training for people with disability, their families, carers and providers to prepare for the NDIS is also available through this initiative. For more information visit the [Community Door](#).

### **Your Life Your Choice**

A key step in supporting Queenslanders to prepare for the NDIS is Your Life Your Choice, which offers people with disability choice and control over the disability supports they receive.

More than 965 people have chosen to self-direct their support. Find out more at [www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability/key-projects/your-life-your-choice](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability/key-projects/your-life-your-choice)

### **NDIA quarterly report**

Each quarter, the NDIA reports on the trial sites, including the number of people accessing supports, the types of support and how people feel about their experience of the NDIS. Read the reports at [www.ndis.gov.au/document/754](http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/754)

### **Independent review of the NDIS**

In April the NDIA Board published the report of an independent review of the capability of the Agency to deliver the NDIS.

The review identified areas of strength and areas for development to ensure it is in the best position to deliver on such an important and large-scale reform.

Read the report and the Board's response on the NDIS website at [www.ndis.gov.au/document/760](http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/760)

### **Find out more**

Queensland Government's disability website  
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National Disability Insurance Agency  
In April the NDIA moved to its permanent home in Geelong, Victoria. Their phone and website contact details remain unchanged.  
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