



# National Disability Insurance Scheme

## Update February 2013

The Queensland Government is committed to improving the lives of people with a disability and is determined to ensure people with a disability and their families and carers get support and assistance to meet their needs.

In December 2012, Queensland Premier Campbell Newman announced that by 2018–19 the Queensland Government would invest an additional \$868 million in the delivery of disability services as part of the state's commitment to the commencement of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in 2018.

Queensland has also shown its commitment to working toward the roll out of the full NDIS by signing up to the Intergovernmental Agreement with other First Ministers at the Council of Australian Governments meeting on 7 December 2012.

## Queensland NDIS Planning and Implementation Group

It is important that key stakeholders are represented in the planning and preparation for Queensland's transition to the NDIS. This will ensure that we are able to achieve the best outcomes for people with a disability through this major reform.

To assist with this planning process, Disability Services Minister Tracy Davis convened the Queensland NDIS Planning and Implementation Group, whose members include people with a disability, families and carers, disability service providers, advocacy organisations, mental health organisations and peak bodies.

The group's role is to provide advice and to drive the development of and transition to the NDIS in Queensland. This includes advising on how to prepare people with a disability, families, carers, the sector and government for the NDIS.

Members will work closely with the Minister and officers of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and have the opportunity to:

- contribute to discussions on a broad range of issues
- identify workable solutions
- provide advice and feedback in the development of strategies, projects and approaches.

At its first meeting on 21 February 2013, the group was given an overview of Queensland's involvement with the Commonwealth Government and other jurisdictions in the development of the NDIS; and Queensland's strategy to strengthen frontline disability services, including Your Life Your Choice and the Elderly Parent Carer Initiative.

The group also began discussions on Queensland's transition to the NDIS, including the areas of work that will need to be undertaken for this transition.

Key themes discussed included:

- consumer/client and family/carer experience
- sector and workforce capacity
- quality and safeguards
- consumer choice and control
- community engagement and links
- interface with mainstream services
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues
- system performance and accountability
- remote, rural and regional issues.

It is anticipated that the Queensland NDIS Planning and Implementation Group will meet bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for 18 April 2013.

## Membership

The Queensland NDIS Planning and Implementation Group members are:

- Angela Tillmanns, Chief Executive Officer, Cerebral Palsy League Queensland; Chair, National Disability Services Queensland
- Joanne Jessop, Chief Executive Officer, Multicap; Deputy Chair, National Disability Services Queensland

- Jennifer Cullen, Chief Executive Officer, Synapse
- Brendan Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Cootharinga North Queensland
- Jane Geltch, State Manager, National Disability Services Queensland
- Peter Selwood, Executive Director, Centacare
- Margaret Rodgers, Director, Community Resource Unit Inc
- Fran Vicary, Chief Executive Officer, Queenslanders with Disability Network; NDIS Advisory Group member
- Fiona Anderson, Queensland Coordinator, Every Australian Counts campaign
- Leanne Burke, Family representative
- Brett Casey, Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council
- Toni Dunshea, carer representative
- Debra Cottrell, Chief Executive Officer, Carers Queensland
- Maureen Fordyce, Manager, AMPARO Advocacy Inc
- Wallis Westbrook, Executive Director, Health and Community Services Workforce Council
- Richard Nelson, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Alliance for Mental Health
- Valmae Rose, Consultant, Future by Design.

The group is chaired by Margaret Allison, Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

## Find out more

### Queensland Government's disability website

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