

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME UPDATE

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Integrated disAbility Action AGM

Productivity Commission

- ‘Disability Care and Support’ Draft Report – Feb 2011
- NDS response to the draft report
- Patricia Scott’s visit to the NT this week

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Campaign

- Why have a campaign?
- How can we all become involved?
- The website: www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au

The PC Draft Report opens with.....

“The disability support ‘system’ is inequitable, underfunded, fragmented, and inefficient and gives people with a disability little choice. It provides no certainty that people will be able to access appropriate supports when needed.”

PC proposal: Two Schemes

- **A National Disability Insurance Scheme** that provides insurance cover of all Australians with significant disability (total cost about \$12.5 b)
- Would fund long-term care and support (but not income replacement)
- Health, education, public housing, public transport etc. would remain outside the scheme
- Provides information and referrals for all
- Rigorous assessment & budget controls

NDIS: 3 tiers

Figure 1 The three tiers of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
2009 population estimates

Tier 1

Social participation and minimising the impact of disability (target=Australian population) **22 million**

Tier 2

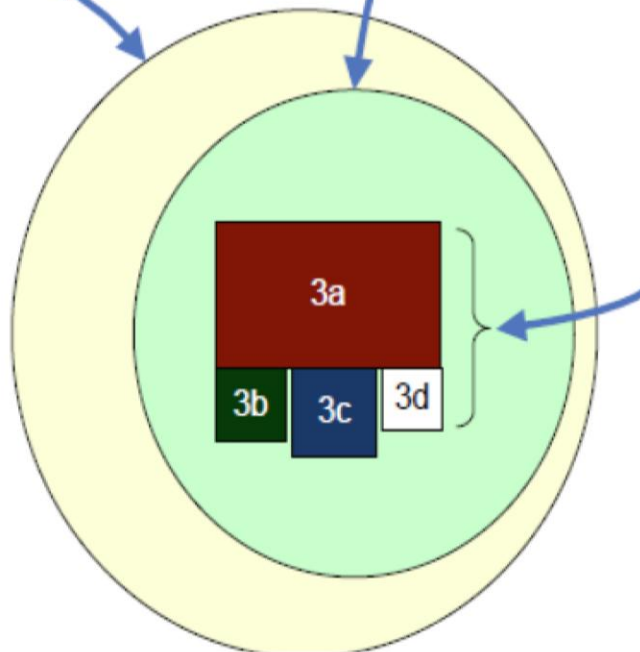
Information, referral & web services (target = all people with disability) **4 million**

Tier 3

People receiving funding support from the NDIS (target= people aged 0 to the pension age with sufficient needs for disability support and early intervention)

- (3a) Significant core activity limitations (225 000)
- (3b) Intellectual disability not already included (50 000)
- (3c) Early intervention group (80 000)
- (3d) Others optimally supported (unknown, but modest)

Total = **around 360 000**



PC proposal: Two Schemes

- **A National Injury Insurance Scheme:** federated model of state-based no-fault schemes for catastrophic injury (motor & medical accidents, criminal injury & general accidents occurring within the community or home)
- Services broadly consistent with Vic TAC and NSW Lifetime Care and Support
- 20,000 people
- Review in 2020

Why not leave this part with private providers?

The National Disability Insurance Agency

- Assessment, plans & budgets
- Funding of services & supports
- Case management (for some)
- Information provision & capacity building
- Sets 'efficient' prices & manages costs
- Collects data & has a research function
- Complaints
- Innovation fund

Funding & Governance

- Need funding certainty (not an annual budget cycle)
- Dedicated funds
- Establishment of a skills-based board
- Supported by an advisory council (representation from all stakeholder groups)

Key dates & implementation schedule

- Submissions on draft report due 30 April
- Report to Government at end July
- Report released to public with 25 sitting days
- Government response – no timeframe

If proceeds:

- NDIS would commence early 2014 (a region piloted)
- Progressively rolled out 2015 – 2018 (staged implementation by progressively selecting groups)

NDS submission

- Eligibility criteria (large jump between Tier 2 and Tier 3 – people could miss out. Functional vs diagnosis)
- More than one pilot site - suggest 3
- Assessment – methods and complexity
- Interface with other service systems (e.g. aged care and mental health)
- Place of disability employment services
- Workforce – challenges of increasing the size of the workforce and the suggestion that no minimum qualifications are needed – core skill requirements

NDS submission

- Setting 'efficient prices'- how should it be done?
- Constraints on the cashing out of packages
- Heavy reliance on market forces (draft report gives little attention to social capital) Loss of social capital??
- Governance (NDS argues for arrangements based on central policy setting and local assessment and decision-making)

Productivity Commission's Visit to the NT

- Patricia Scott (presiding Commissioner, Productivity Commission)
- Clinton Pobke, Research Manager, Productivity Commission
- Meetings in Alice Spring and Darwin
- Recognition of the differences in service delivery models and outcomes, particularly in the rural and remote areas
- Additional information for the final report.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Campaign

- **Why a Campaign?**

Governments make major decisions based on a number of factors, therefore the notion of a NDIS is political.

The planets are aligned (and not just in the NE skies)

- A compelling report from the PC
- Bi-partisan support for the idea of a NDIS
-but a decision of this magnitude needs 'the numbers'

What Can You Do?

- Find out more about the proposed NDIS and the NDIS Campaign
- Pledges - NT Update
- Registering your support through a number of avenues – online, through the mail
- Talking to people about the proposed NDIS and referring them to the Campaign

The Website: <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/>