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Dear Stakeholder

The Tasmanian Government is delighted to have reached agreement with the Commonwealth Government on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) roll-out. This is a significant milestone for all Tasmanians eligible for the NDIS, as it will bring increased choice and control around the support needed for them to live an independent and inclusive life.

The roll-out to full NDIS will build on the tremendous achievements of the Tasmanian trial. The trial will see over 1 000 eligible young Tasmanians aged between 15 to 24 years transition to the NDIS by July 2016. The Tasmanian trial is also viewed nationally as a success, with participants, families and carers reporting a high level of satisfaction with their outcomes since accessing the NDIS.

A major factor in the success of the trial has been the collaborative working relationships between the Tasmanian Government, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the disability services sector.

The Tasmanian Government will continue to work closely with the NDIA and service providers to ensure the transition to full NDIS is as smooth as possible for eligible people with disability, their families and carers.

From 1 July 2016, eligible people with disability in Tasmania will start entering the NDIS in a carefully managed and supported way. To make sure the transition experience is well coordinated, we are introducing the full scheme in stages to make sure that people with disability and their families have certainty about when they can access the scheme.

In each year of the roll-out, the number of Tasmanians in the NDIS will roughly double and will increase every six months, with around 10,600 people receiving individual support through the scheme by 1 July 2019.

The roll-out will also be state-wide and the age cohort approach from the NDIS trial will continue and expand out from the 15 to 24 year old age group in both directions:

- 1 July 2016, the NDIS will also be available to young people aged 12 -14
- 1 January 2017, the NDIS will also be available to adults aged 25-28
- 1 July 2017, the NDIS will also be available to children aged four to 11
- 1 January 2018, the NDIS will also be available to adults aged 29 to 34

- 1 July 2018, the NDIS will also be available to children aged 0-3 and adults aged 35 – 49, and
- 1 January 2019, all remaining adults aged 50 to 64 years will transition to the NDIS.

It is recognised that supported accommodation for people with disability is the largest service type provided by Tasmania and to ensure a seamless transition for both people with disability and disability sector organisations, a staged approach will also be taken in transitioning people living in supported accommodation. Residents in shared supported accommodation, up to the age of 64, will also access NDIS together on a house-by-house basis over the three years of transition.

Further information is available on the phasing details at www.ndis.gov.au/tas

More information will also be available about the NDIS in Tasmania as soon as the formal bilateral agreement between the Tasmanian and Federal governments has been signed at COAG.

This is the next step in a very important journey for Tasmanians with disability and their families, and I look forward to continuing that journey with you.

Yours sincerely



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