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**NDIS Make it Work Guide for MPs**

We want an NDIS that puts people with disability at the centre and makes a good life possible.

People with disability want the same opportunities as everyone else in the community – somewhere to work, somewhere to live, somewhere to enjoy the company of family and friends, the chance to follow their passions and interests. We want a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that makes these things possible – not stands in their way.

**People with disability must be in control – not just of their NDIS plans but also the way the scheme is designed and rolled out. The NDIS must also be fair - we want good outcomes for everyone.**

How do we make this happen?

* Simpler, easier and quicker processes Clear communication that is easy to understand
* Focus on groups who need more support, e.g. those with complex needs, Indigenous Australians, or those from a CALD background
* More help for people, families and carers at every stage of the process, including more advocacy and peer support
* Better trained staff to clear backlogs
* A functioning IT system

**People need to know the NDIS will be there for them when they need it. People with NDIS funding need quality services and people without need support from other programs. No one should fall between the cracks.**

How do we make this happen?

* NDIS funds quarantined for use within the NDIS
* Active intervention to make sure there are a diverse range of quality services
* Urgent action on the way NDIS works with other systems like health, justice and transport
* Return of other programs that support people with disability, their families and carers
* Independently set prices More funding for ILC

**The NDIS was never intended to work in isolation. Outcomes for people with disability will never change without action in all areas of life – employment, health, education and transport all need immediate attention. How do we make this happen?**

* We need a new National Disability Strategy. Targets on employment, education, housing, transport and health must be set – and met.

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