



National News Update

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NDIS full scheme roll out to commence in South Australia

NDS welcomes the much anticipated announcement of the full roll out of the NDIS in South Australia.

Between February 2016 and June 2017 the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will work with service providers to reach all eligible children in the 0-14 age group, and then commence the inclusion of young people from 15 to 17 as part of full scheme roll out commencing July 1 2017.

Following entry of all children and young people aged 0-17 into the scheme, the NDIS will then be rolled out region by region across South Australia, ensuring a smooth transition and sustainable service provision for all.

Timeline for regional rollout:

- July 2017 - Barossa Light and Lower North, Playford, Salisbury, Port Adelaide, Enfield will enter the scheme with all eligible participants expected to be in the scheme by April 2018;
- October 2017 - Tea Tree Gully, Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee will enter the scheme with all eligible participants expected to be in the scheme by January 2018;
- January 2018 - The Fleurieu, Kangaroo Island, Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham, Onkaparinga, Eyre and Western, Far North, York and Mid North will enter the scheme with all eligible participants expected to be in the scheme by April 2018, and;
- May 2018 - Adelaide Hills, Eastern and Western Adelaide and any other areas will commence entry into the scheme and are expected to be fully incorporated into the scheme by June 2018.

Commenting on the announcement, NDS State Committee Chair Mr Glenn Rappensberg said: "This will give all South Australians living with disability the clarity they need in knowing when they can access the scheme. Additionally, the announcement will bring renewed confidence to the SA disability sector and allow providers to better plan for the future".

Mr Rappensberg also praised the sector for its efforts up until now. "I'm very proud of the way South Australian disability providers have risen to the task throughout the trial phase and I know they will continue to work as hard as possible to make sure the benefits of the scheme are realised by those who need it."

NDS will continue to support members in transitioning their operations to the NDIS and maintain a detailed register of issues and updates on the NDS website.