



12 October 2009

The Hon Paul Lynch MP
Minister for Disability Services
Level 34 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

National Disability Insurance Scheme

I write to support a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Constituents who have contacted me have related their own and family experiences where a national scheme would have improved the quality of life for someone with a disability. I understand that a number of Australian disability organisations are calling for a National Disability Insurance Scheme that would move provide funding for essential care, support, therapy, aids, equipment, home modifications and community involvement. They believe that this would refocus disability services from a crisis-driven and welfare-based approach.

A coalition of disability service providers and advocacy organisations has developed a plan for a National Disability Insurance Scheme, which is available from www.ndis.org.au. The proposed plan states that a National Disability Insurance Scheme could be funded by all taxpayers and would need Commonwealth and State/Territory cooperation.

The proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme would provide access to services and funds based on individual needs, and could include people with disabling health conditions as well as people who acquire a disability. It could provide more effective and efficient service provision, better links to other service areas, a reduction in the burden on carers and families, early intervention services to reduce costs over time and comply with Australia's commitment to the UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Could you please liaise with the Commonwealth and other State/Territory Ministers to develop a National Disability Insurance Scheme and inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore
Member for Sydney