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AUSTRALIANS UNITE TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER DISABILITY SUPPORT

The Every Australian Counts campaign for a National Disability Insurance Scheme to revolutionise the way people with a disability are supported has been launched in Melbourne today by over 1000 people.

Australian of the Year Simon McKeon called on all Australians to stand up and be counted and demand a fair go for people with a disability, their families and carers.

Mr McKeon was one of over 1000 disability activists who called on state and federal politicians to back a National Disability Insurance Scheme that provides real support and independence for people with disability.

The social entrepreneur and philanthropist used his opening address at the inaugural National Disability and Carer Congress to call on all Australians to get behind the landmark National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

“The NDIS is our best chance of ensuring people with a disability and their families finally get the support they need to have a shot at an ordinary life,” he said.

“What we need is every Australian to stand up, sign up and join us so we will have a fighting chance of making it happen.

“The evidence is out there about how desperately hard it is for people with a disability, their families and carers to have the same kinds of opportunities that the rest of the community simply takes for granted,” he said.

“We can no longer ignore this. The time has come to act and act now.”

Every Australian Counts campaign director John Della Bosca said momentum was building behind an NDIS, with the recent Productivity Commission draft report showing the idea was economically feasible and would deliver benefits to the entire community.

“In five months time the Federal Government must respond to the Productivity Commission’s final report.

“We want to keep the pressure on all members of parliament to make sure disability remains an issue, and the NDIS becomes a reality.

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