

### **Why We Need a National Disability Care and Support Scheme**

1. The support system for people with a disability, their families and those who care for them is in crisis. If you, or someone you love, is born with a disability or acquires one later in life, you all run the risk of falling through a huge hole in Australia's safety net.
2. Lack of support and services means families are primarily responsible for meeting the needs of their family member with a disability. These families are struggling with high rates of physical, emotional and financial stress.
3. The current situation is inequitable – people receive different levels of support depending on how, when and where their disability was acquired.
4. An economic crisis is looming. The number of people with a disability is increasing and the number of people willing and able to provide unpaid care is falling. This means the cost to government is expected to escalate dramatically in the future.
5. A National Disability Care and Support Scheme would provide people with a disability with the regular care, support, therapy and equipment they need. It would also provide support for carers.
6. As a Medicare-type scheme, it would provide a secure and consistent pool of funds for services and support.
7. It would be fair, efficient and effective and no fault. It would focus on early intervention and delivering those supports which produce the best long term outcomes. It would maximise opportunities for independence, participation and productivity.
8. It would be individualised and person-centred. Support would be based on the needs and choices of person with a disability and their family.
9. The scheme would reframe support as investment rather than charity. Nationally consistent assessments, timely interventions, appropriate aids and equipment, training and development would become investment in individual capacity rather than welfare. The scheme would therefore lead to more positive results for people with a disability, their families and carers as well as being fiscally responsible.
10. All Australians need the peace of mind that this scheme would deliver quality services because disability and supporting someone with a disability can affect anyone, anytime.

But the long term disability care and support scheme won't become a reality without an active grass roots campaign. So visit the website [www.carersaustralia.com.au](http://www.carersaustralia.com.au) or [www.ndis.org.au](http://www.ndis.org.au) and see how you can become involved.

**Be part of the solution – take action now!**

# NDIS

## National Disability Insurance Scheme

*A long term disability care and support scheme for people with a disability, their families and carers*



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