



Media Release

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Hundreds expected to rally to Make NDIS Work

Hundreds of supporters are expected to rally in Wollongong and Nowra on Friday 3 May as part of the NDIS Day of Action.

The way the NDIS is being delivered means it's not yet working for everyone. Participants face complex processes, many people aren't getting the support they need or access to secure, supported employment opportunities. Disability service providers are calling for better NDIS planning, less red tape, real sector safeguards and secure supported employment.

Illawarra Disability Alliance (IDA) member and CEO of Interchange Illawarra, Jake Pearson said, "The NDIS is the most significant reform for improving the lives of people with disability, and IDA members are completely committed to its implementation. However, the only way we can ensure ongoing choice and control for participants is if issues with the roll out are dealt with quickly and effectively."

"The key to making the NDIS work for participants and providers will be having high quality plans with a transparent process of review and an efficient system of appeals," IDA member and CEO of Greenacres Disability Services, Chris Christodoulou said. "Enormous amounts of stress and red tape could be avoided if, once participants have a plan that works for them, it is simply rolled over annually with indexation. This would make a big difference to participants, service providers and to the NDIA as plans could then be reviewed only when participants' circumstances or needs change."

"Another area which must be addressed is securing the future of Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs)," added IDA member and CEO of The Flagstaff Group, Roy Rogers. "Supported employment enables people with disability to participate meaningfully in the workforce, to enjoy social interaction of the workplace, develop new skills, and to feel respected, valued and included."

Nicky Sloan, CEO of Community Industry Group said, "We are supporting our disability members in this important campaign. If the NDIS is rolled out effectively, the lives of people with disability will be improved immeasurably. But if issues are not addressed, we risk market failure and the loss of great not for profit organisations that have been supporting people with disability locally for many decades."

Attendees at the rallies will be asked to support the resolution.

- For the resolution [click here](#).
- For printable rally flyers [click here](#).

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FRIDAY 3 MAY 2019

Locations:

9.00am

Nowra School of Arts, Berry Street, Nowra

11.00am

Premiers Room WIN Stadium, 46 Harbour Street, Wollongong

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About the Illawarra Disability Alliance

The Illawarra Disability Alliance is a group of not for profit disability specific providers working together collegially and collaboratively to deliver better outcomes for people with disability in the local community.