



FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Dear Scope Member

### **About National Disability Insurance Scheme and Scope's Involvement**

Scope has joined a coalition of groups representing people with a disability, families and service providers to lobby for a National Disability Insurance Scheme. We believe this scheme has the potential to transform the lives of Australians with a disability and their families.

A National Disability Insurance Scheme would provide funding for early intervention, essential care, support, therapy, aids and equipment, home modifications and training.

The scheme would provide assistance to all people with a significant disability, no matter how their disability was acquired. It will put an end to the current inequities that see people receiving different levels of support depending on how, when and where their disability was acquired. It would focus on providing those supports and services which maximize opportunities for independence and participation.

### **How Can Scope Members Get Involved?**

The coalition believes a strong collective voice is required to ensure the needs of Australians with a disability and their families are finally placed on the political and public agenda.

After decades of providing support to people with a disability, Scope is proud to be part of a coalition campaign supporting equity and entitlement for all Australians with a disability. Scope is now inviting Members to support the campaign.

**Event:** National Visiting Day.

**Date:** Friday 6th August.

**Action: Visit your Federal or State Member of Parliament to share your story.**

Share your current difficulties and challenges with the system, how it is letting you down and the difference a National Disability Insurance Scheme would make.

**Why is this important?:** Visiting your Federal or State Member of Parliament is important as you live in their electorate and they are there to represent you.

**Registration:** To register your interest in being part of National Visiting Day please contact Ruby Dubash on 9843 3043 or [rdubash@scopevic.org.au](mailto:rdubash@scopevic.org.au).

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Alasdair Norton  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Heggie".

Diana Heggie  
CEO

# NDIS

## National Disability Insurance Scheme

... because disability can affect anyone, anytime

### 10 Things you need to know about NDIS

1. The support system for people with a disability and their families is in crisis. If you, or someone you live with, is born with a disability or acquires one later in life, you will risk 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 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 Insurance Scheme would provide people with a disability with the regular care, support, therapy and equipment they need to lead an ordinary life.
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. It would focus on early intervention and delivering those supports which produce the best long term outcomes. It would maximize opportunities for independence, participation and productivity.
8. It would be individualized and person-centered. Support would be based on the choices of a person with a disability and their family.
9. All Australians need peace of mind that this scheme would deliver because disability can affect anyone, anytime.
10. But it won't become a reality without an active grass roots campaign.

Be part of the solution—take action now.