

Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No 1181.

As listed on pages 15-16 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Steele-John

To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) on 26 October 2018, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a \$5 billion Drought Future Fund to assist struggling farmers, which will be funded, in part, by \$3.9 billion from the Building Australia Fund that the Government had previously set aside for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) **Special Account**,
- (ii) **the Government's plans to establish an NDIS Special Account did not pass the Parliament and have now been abandoned – demonstrating that they were an unnecessary ploy to hold people with disability ransom to social security cuts,**
- ~~(ii)~~(iii) the NDIS has the potential to transform the lives of disabled people, their families, and carers, but it is still in the process of being rolled out and has a long way to go to meet the needs of disabled Australians,
- (iv) **disabled Australians continue to face discrimination created by the physical, cultural, and governmental barriers present in our society and the current implementation of the NDIS is failing to adequately meet their needs,**
- ~~(iii)~~(v) the entire state of New South Wales has been declared to be in drought, as well as parts of Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, and it is a matter of national importance that we assist farming families in these regions, to help them through this tough time, and
- ~~(iv)~~(vi) drought relief should not come at the expense of realising the rights of disabled Australians to fully participate in all aspects of our society; and

(b) calls on the ~~Federal~~ Government to:

- (i) ensure that ~~no previously earmarked NDIS funding is repurposed until the scheme has been fully realised~~ **not only is the NDIS fully funded, but that it is working as intended by adequately meeting the needs of disabled Australians and supporting them to fully participate in all aspects of our society; and.**
- (ii) **Give disabled Australians certainty that the NDIS will not be treated like a political football.**