Council for Intellectual Disability

The Hon. Mal Brough

Chair, Joint Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

(Via email)

August 17, 2015

Dear Mr Brough,

The New South Wales Council for Intellectual Disability wishes to seek the Committee's views on the progress of the National Disability Strategy (NDS).

Health, mental health, employment, housing, justice, education, inclusive communities and transport are just some of the key jurisdictions that have complementary roles to the success of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

It is vital that agencies work together to achieve the outcomes of the NDS – this includes a commitment to collaborative practice, education and capacity building. Without clear leadership and a commitment to resourcing we are doubtful that sufficient progress will be made.

To date NSW CID has seen little action on the NDS – we believe that this poses a significant risk to the implementation and success of the NDIS, including financial risks.

NSW CID has certainly welcomed the introduction of the NDIS and the advances it has made in a relatively short period. However the NDIS is just one part of the NDS and NSW CID believes action must soon be taken to progress the rest of the NDS.

NSW CID would appreciate the Committee's insight on this matter. NSW CID will also be raising it with other parties who have responsibilities under the NDS.

Yours faithfully,

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