

## Conor's Future



Lesley and her husband live in a suburb outside Perth. Their youngest son, 21 year old Conor, was born with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a degenerative condition that means his muscles break down and cannot repair themselves.

Over time Conor has lost the ability to walk and feed himself - eventually almost every bodily function will be affected.

What Lesley wants is for Conor to have the equipment and support that he needs. She wants to be a mother to her son, instead of his daily carer.

Conor wants a chance at a future where he can be as independent as possible, finish his degree and have his own life.

Their story isn't unique, but it's one of many that need to be told. We all know people whose lives have been affected because we don't have an NDIS.

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# We are letting down Australians with disabilities



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It's time to make every Australian count.

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NDIS | Revolutionising disability services

## Our disability system is broken

**Disability services are underfunded, fragmented and inefficient. And there just aren't enough to go around.**

**Unlike the healthcare system, the disability system has been starved of public attention.**

Australians would be surprised how long people have to wait for vital equipment, therapy and support.

Access to support depends on what kind of disability you have, how you acquired it and where you live.

This means families like Billie and Heike face an uncertain future because they can't be confident funding will be there when they need it.

People with a disability and their families have little choice and very little control. For many, every single day is a struggle.

The system is so fragmented and under-resourced the Productivity Commission has recommended a complete overhaul and a doubling of funding.

The Government must respond to their recommendations by the end of the year.

### Billie

"If the NDIS was here we would have the equipment that children need to physically get to school and do the things that children need to do. Like walking around, opening cupboards, standing and painting, playing circle games standing up. You cannot underestimate how important that is." *Heike, Mum to Billie who was born with a physical disability.*



## We need a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS would create a consistent pool of funds from which supports and services for people with a disability and their families could be drawn.

Essential care, support, therapy, equipment, early intervention, training would all be available.

The NDIS would be fair and it would be effective. It would make sure people got what they needed when they needed it.

**It is estimated the NDIS will support 360,000 people nationally whose disability has a significant impact on their daily life.**

But it would also provide peace of mind to every single Australian – if they or someone they loved acquired a disability their lifelong needs would be taken care of.

The NDIS would enable people to plan and get on with their lives. It would give them more choices and more control.

It would give people with a disability and their families the chance of an ordinary life.

### Claire

"An NDIS is so important because it gives everybody a fair go and that's what being Australian is all about. I want to contribute to my community, to do that I need support in place. The NDIS will support me as an individual. It will give me a quality of life."

*Claire, mother to a 9 year old daughter and lives with Muscular Dystrophy.*



## Let's make Every Australian Count

**Every Australian Counts is the campaign for the NDIS.**

Our goal is to make sure the Federal Government implements the recommendations of the Productivity Commission and commits to introducing the NDIS.

**1 in 5 Australians have some form of disability**



Every person in Australia knows someone affected by disability.

It's time to make Every Australian Count.

### Peter

"An NDIS is important because it can stop you having to fight for things. The biggest barrier for people with a disability

is having to battle for every thing they need." *Peter, who was paralysed in a swimming accident.*

## How we get the NDIS:

**Join the campaign and make a difference to the lives of people with a disability, their families and carers.**

**Help us reach 100,000 supporters.**

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