National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Queensland Update

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Whole of Government NDIS Transition
Rollout targets recap

• Under the Queensland Bilateral Agreement around:
  – 15,000 people will enter the Scheme in year 1
  – 16,000 people will enter the Scheme in year 2
  – 60,000 people will enter the Scheme in year 3

• Queensland NDIS Operational Plan is guiding implementation
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NDIS rollout stages

6 months out:
LACs on the ground

3 months out:
Planners on the ground

NDIS transition
Plan approvals commence
Rollout update

- Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York & Torres Strait
- Townsville, Hinchinbrook, Burdekin, west to Mount Isa and up to the Gulf
- Mackay, Isaac and Whitsundays
- Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett & Cherbourg
- Sunshine Coast, Noosa & Gympie
- Inset Map: Moreton Bay including Strathpine & Caboolture
- Brisbane suburbs north of the Brisbane river
- Brisbane suburbs south of the Brisbane river
- Logan & Redlands
- Gold Coast & Hinterland
- Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim & Somerset

- Transition complete Access open 1-Jul-17
- Nearing completion 30-Jun-17
- Plans underway
- Access open 1-Apr-17
Progress

• As at 27 April 5,467 participants with NDIS have approved plans

• Townsville and Mackay, achieved approximately 50% of the bilateral target

• Focus to encourage people with disability who are not receiving services to sign up to the scheme

• Referrals to NDIS are critical – 1800 800 110
  www.ndis.gov.au
“Transition takes a lot of time and effort but it is really worth it”

Learnings

- Participate in the readiness and pre-planning activities available
- Have a support person to help through the planning process – friend, family, provider, teacher, guardian
- Consider all of their current supports when discussing needs with the NDIS
- Providers have a major role in client readiness which takes time and commitment to support clients prepare and participate in planning.
Participant readiness initiative
Strategies to assist people experiencing disadvantage or social isolation to engage with the NDIS

Provider readiness
National Disability Services Queensland provides sector development and support activities to organisations
Online readiness tools

Workforce readiness
WorkAbility Qld – Queensland NDIS Workforce Strategy
Questions ?