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NDIS CHANGING LIVES - ANNUAL REPORT

The first Annual Report of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is testament to the transformation that is taking place for people with disability all around the nation.

It confirms that the NDIS is doing exactly what it was designed to do: transform the lives of people with disability, their carers and families.

Already, thousands of Australians with disability are receiving the care and support they need.

This scheme is fast becoming a pillar of Australian society.

And it is doing so on time, and within budget.

In its first year, the NDIS has delivered for over 7,000 Australians with disability, their families and carers – giving people the care and support they have waited a lifetime for.

The first annual report shows that the NDIS is being delivered within budget, the NDIA and service providers are constantly improving, and satisfaction from NDIS participants is extremely high.

The NDIS is enabling people in the Hunter in NSW, the Barwon region in Geelong, South Australia, Tasmania, and since 1 July this year Western Australia, the ACT and the Barkly region in the NT the chance to live the lives they deserve.

As I witnessed during visits to the launch sites earlier this year, thousands of people with disability are now undertaking everyday tasks that many of us take for granted

- catching a bus, learning to swim, getting a job. This is the real worth of the NDIS – for individuals and our community.

There are over 1,300 service providers helping people exercise the choice and control that lies at the very heart of the NDIS.

The NDIA's National Office in Geelong now employs over 500 dedicated and hardworking staff.

Labor congratulates the NDIA for making the NDIS a reality, and their dedication to making sure we get it right.

Labor is proud to have introduced the NDIS, the biggest reform since Medicare.

Labor will hold Tony Abbott to his promise to deliver the NDIS in full and on time.

People with disability are counting on him.

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