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**STATEMENT ON THE FIRST BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY
INSURANCE SCHEME**

Today marks the first birthday of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, one of the greatest social reforms of our generation.

Labor would like to congratulate everyone who has worked so tirelessly to get this ground-breaking reform off the ground.

Because of your hard work, one year on the NDIS is transforming the lives of people with disability every single day.

For the first time in our nation's history, people with disability are getting the care and support they need to live the lives they deserve.

For too long, people with disability have been treated like second class citizens.

Because of the NDIS, that is now changing.

The NDIS is a transformative reform for people with disability, their carers and families.

It is also transformative for our national economy, as new opportunities for work and participation open up for people with disability and their carers.

Labor is proud to have been the party that delivered this life changing reform.

And we are proud to have been able to deliver it through the parliament with bipartisan support.

For people with disability, their carers and families and all those people involved in the development of the NDIS, you can rest assured that you will always have the support of the Australian Labor Party.

We look forward to working with you to see this reform grow.

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