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National Disability Insurance Scheme Bilateral Agreement (Urgency Motion)

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I am pleased to support the essence of both motions.

New South Wales Labor welcomes the signing of a bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the State Government for the full rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme [NDIS].

I give kudos to the Federal Labor Government for its fantastic work in providing a framework for this milestone, which was delivered today.

It is essential that we provide those who have a disability, their families and their carers with greater choice and with individualised support packages.

I look forward to the implementation of the scheme, its enhancement over time, and the improvements that that will bring to people's lives.

As has been mentioned, in March this year the Baird Government announced that the NDIS would commence a year ahead of schedule in the Nepean and Blue Mountains area for children and young people aged under 18 years.

I welcomed that announcement. I urge the Minister to respond to my requests for an urgent briefing so that I can respond in turn to the many concerned constituents in the Blue Mountains area who have raised a number of issues with me.

I have spoken in this place before about some of those issues and some of the questions that families have.

I would have liked to have attended the actual fanfare and the ceremony—if I had been invited—to celebrate the early rollout in the Nepean-Blue Mountains area.

Mr Michael Daley: Didn't the Government invite you?

Ms TRISH DOYLE: No. As I said, in supporting the essence of these two motions today it is very important that we work in a bipartisan way, and we keep the focus on people with disabilities and their families and carers.

Mr Michael Daley: An invitation would have been nice and bipartisan.

Ms TRISH DOYLE: Absolutely.

Today I just wanted to add one of the questions that was put by many agencies and families in my electorate, and that was: Can the Minister please clarify the job security arrangement for current Ageing, Disability and Home Care [ADHC] staff?

What will happen to those skilled workers into the future?

I look forward to meeting with the Minister to discuss the questions.