



“ Is Gillard Serious?”

What do you think, have your say!.

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Prime Minister Gillard continues to slow play financially the National Disability Insurance Scheme. We all know the worlds tough but no one is doing it harder than the disability sector.

In yesterdays Mid Year and Economic Fiscal Outlook report Prime Minister Gillard delivered nothing to address the critical waiting lists for disability services as the Australian Productivity Commission report recommends or any additional financial support to speed up NDIS from the implementation date of 2019. There was no commitment of how NDIS will ever be funded for the \$6.5 billion dollars annually it needs to proceed.

Even a \$20 million dollar grant to support the “Every Australian Counts” campaign would have been seen as a sign of good faith

Julia Gillard’s rhetoric has been wonderful and last week at the National Disability Awards she said

“The decision I announced in August is a not just a preliminary hint or an aspiration. It is the green light for a National Disability Insurance Scheme in this country. The time for words is over. The time for action has come. We will get this thing done. We are working to deliver change to disability care and support that means:

- *People with disability will be supported to participate in and contribute to social and economic life to the extent of their abilities.*
- *People with disability and their carers will have certainty and receive the individualised care and support they need over their lifetime.*
- *The care and support needs of people with disability are met over their lifetime through an insurance approach, not the crisis-driven approach of the past, and*

- *People with disability will be able to exercise more choice and control in their lives.*

Too many generations of parents have gone to their graves not knowing what the future held for their children with disability as they grew to middle age.

So I say this as your Prime Minister tonight: Not another generation will face that agonising choice.

Lots of talk, but no funding? Tell us what you think by return email

We look forward to publishing a snapshot of how the broad disability community really feels about NDIS

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