



Weatherill Delivers! NDIS to become a reality in SA

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South Australian Premier the Hon Jay Weatherill (ALP) today announced a defining commitment for South Australia to NDIS.

The Premier will be rightfully applauded both in South Australia and nationally for his vision, empathy and positive action in driving SA towards the certainty of a National Disability Insurance scheme in 2018.

Weatherill builds on a longstanding personal depth of understanding of how real and critical the disability crisis is in SA. As Disability Minister from 2004 to 2006 he saw firsthand the despair, the destruction and the demonization of people with disability by governments of all persuasions. Since his appointment as Premier in October 2011 Mr Weatherill has lifted disability support to priority levels in an approach that is statesman like in an era when too many other politicians lack vision and genuine leadership qualities.

This announcement will no doubt generate broad acclaim from local advocates, service users, families and carers. The attached press release from Mr Weatherill and Kelly Vincent D4D give more details. The 2018 total expenditure of \$1.4 billion dollars is no doubt long overdue and desperately needed.

Newly appointed Liberal Opposition leader Steven Marshall must now as demanded by Ms Vincent (D4D) give a cast iron guarantee that he will honour this NDIS agreement and support NDIS in a bi partisan manner. There will be significant negative repercussions for Mr Marshall locally if the Liberal party is seen as a poor option for disability service consumers in the run up to the March 2014 SA state election. We can guarantee that with great confidence!!

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