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HON ROBERT BROKENSHIRE MLC

NDIS LEVY 0.5% INCREASE ON MEDICARE MUST BE LEGISLATED PRE-ELECTION FOR CERTAINTY

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshire has today called upon the Federal Government and Opposition to bring on debate by tabling legislation to enable the new NDIS Levy now, not take it to the election.

"The Federal Government has been able to put legislation through in shorter time-frames. Just like state levies for specific purposes, we have to:

1. ensure this levy is legislated and quarantined for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) purposes only,
2. have mechanisms to ensure receipts and expenditure are transparent and the subject of an annual comprehensive Ministerial report to the Parliament"

"This issue is too important to leave hanging and unresolved going into an election – nobody opposes NDIS. Yes, Labor have been over the top with their spending and need to get their budget in order, but don't make people with disabilities go on waiting for an election to see if their NDIS will be funded at all"

"NDIS is too important not to be funded. We're all angry about the Gillard Labor Government running up massive debt but Family First won't punish people with disabilities for Labor's failures. If the Abbott Coalition want to do better, they can

promise to get the Federal budget in order to reduce other financial impacts on taxpayers and leave the 0.5% additional Medicare levy in place”

“A Bill to establish NDIS and its levy must be tabled now as a matter of urgency, so that we can start collecting the revenue necessary for the Scheme by 1 July 2013.”

“It is unacceptable to leave it until 1 July 2014 and contingent on whether or not Labor wins an election that all observers say is near impossible”

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