



# NDIS the full picture!

## How the real dollars stack up?

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In the recent 2013 SA Budget Premier Jay Weatherill delivered a brighter future for people with disability by committing more funding as per the NDIS agreement into the forward estimates. For that he is being widely applauded. Our current Premier has been a genuine supporter of the SA Disability sector for a very long time as many local voters understand.

Following the recent Federal Budget and with the prior signing of the NDIS agreement in late April the financial future is now supposedly guaranteed to resolve our National Disability Crisis. The combined Federal and State Budget plans nearly triples disability expenditure over the next six years in SA. Incorporating Federal money into the SA Budget summary charts paints a very clear picture..... Sort of?.....Check footnote (3)

The biggest risk now is the Bipartisan support at both state and federal level and the guarantee the Federal financial funding is locked in. The Federal contribution jumping from \$123 million in 2015-16 to \$765 million in 2018-19 still requires explanation although supposedly under the NDIS legislation is guaranteed.

This jump excludes the levy payments which were legislated after the NDIS agreement was signed, that's a SA bonus.

We believe our local Liberal opposition leader Stephen Marshall is genuinely sympathetic and we expect a very positive response when we meet with him. He is not the sort of man to shoot Bambi despite the financial zealots in the Liberal party who abhor community support program's like NDIS. At a state level the funding matrix increases are very doable from a budget approaching \$20 billion. Disability funding has been short-changed for decades and it must be catch up time. We will listen with much interest to his budget reply speech this week for clarification. We expect it to be positive.

At a Federal Level things are less clear. Mr Abbott if elected Prime Minister could

1. Attempt to cancel the NDIS program..... He is not brave or stupid enough to do that we think?
2. Dilute the NDIS program..... Possible, the cupboard is really bare, Swann has spent it, but we think there is enough left?
3. Delay the NDIS program..... Possible, make it someone else's future problem, surely not?
4. Rename the program ( Hooray!) what's wrong with "National Disability Scheme?"

Or Mr Abbott can simply drive the DisabilityCare program to a successful implementation as he should. He will have noted the broad community support for the levy and understands this is a community expectation now.

The financial numbers look good! But is everything good? Time will tell.....let's hope NDIS survives the Federal political debacle that is currently raging.

<b>Table 3.21 page 67 2013-2014 SA Budget Statement, Chapter 3 revenue</b>	<b>2012 - 2013</b>	<b>2013- 2014</b>	<b>2014- 2015</b>	<b>2015- 2016</b>	<b>2016- 2017</b>	<b>2017- 2018</b>	<b>2018- 2019</b>
<b>SA Disability Revenue (1)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>575</b>
<b>2013-2014 SA Budget Measures</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Other SA NDIS Expenditure (2)</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total SA State NDIS Funding</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>723</b>
<b>Federal Contribution to NDIS</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99(5)</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>#(3)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>765</b>
<b>Federal Medicare Levy (6)</b>			<b>(?)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total for Disability Expenditure in SA services</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>1558</b>

1. Disability expenditure includes NDIS SA launch contribution funding of \$5.0 million in 2013-2014, \$21.0 million in 2014-2015 and \$34.0 million in 2015-2016
2. Includes basic community care (DCSI), psychiatric disability (DHA) and transport services (DECD) and DPTI)
3. # With respect to 2016-17 and 2017-18, these are the transition years when there is an expansion from the NDIS launch group to the full scheme. SA Treasury has advised that specific figures for these two years are not currently available as the rate of transition over this period has yet to be agreed. A decision on this will not be made until they have learning from the launch. South Australia has agreed with the Commonwealth to settle the transition arrangements by December 2014 (consistent with other states).
4. It is interesting to note DisabilityCare levy will begin collection in 2014-2015 well before the states see any significant funding
5. The dip in Commonwealth funding in 2013-14 can be explained by the Commonwealth's decision some time ago to move to per capita NDA funding of the States and Territories. As South Australia was previously receiving Commonwealth funding in excess of its per capita share, the move to per capita funding resulted in a reduction in Commonwealth NDA funding to South Australia. The impact was phased in over 5 years with 2013-14 being the final year.
6. This levy represents a budget benefit and will partially offset the states required NDIS contribution

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