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CARERS NSW SUPPORTS THE NDIS MAKE IT REAL RALLY

On Monday 30 April, Carers NSW will be supporting the thousands of Australians taking part in the Make It Real rallies to demand action to make the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) a reality.

The rallies are being held in six capital cities around Australia, providing Australians with a disability, their families and carers the opportunity to have their voices heard about why now is the time to make the NDIS happen.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis, said, "Carers NSW has long been concerned at the lack of support and assistance currently available to people with a disability, their families and carers.

"The Make It Real rallies are a chance for the community to show their support for the introduction of the NDIS."

The Make It Real rallies are predicted to be the biggest rallies of people with disabilities that Australia has ever seen. Carers NSW is encouraging people with a disability, families, friends, and service providers to attend and show state and federal politicians that Every Australian Counts.

Some of the nation's top politicians are expected to attend and address the rallies, which will also feature live entertainment, speeches and videos highlighting why disability reform is needed now.

The Sydney Rally is at the **AllPhones Arena, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park starting at 12 noon on Monday 30 April.**

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A carer is any individual who provides unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness, drug and alcohol dependencies, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail.