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## **CARERS NSW URGES GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT NDIS**

Carers NSW is urging the NSW and Federal Governments to continue discussions to reach an agreement on funding the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

“Carers NSW has long been concerned at the lack of support and assistance available to people with a disability, their families and carers” said Carers NSW President, Laraine Toms.

“Now is the time for our government leaders to come together, and reach an agreement to introduce the NDIS.”

People with a disability, their carers, and families across NSW have waited a long time for an NDIS, and have the right to a fairer support system, where they can access the supports and services they need.

“While we are pleased at the progress that has been made to date, we strongly urge our governments to continue negotiations to ensure that the NDIS becomes a reality.”

“This once in a lifetime opportunity to make a real and lasting change to the lives of people with a disability and their carers can not be missed,” said Ms Toms.

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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.*