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CARERS NSW WELCOMES NDIS LAUNCH SITE AGREEMENT

Carers NSW welcomes the announcement that the NSW launch site in the Hunter Region for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will go ahead.

“We congratulate the NSW and Federal Governments on reaching an agreement to ensure the establishment of a NDIS launch site in NSW,” said Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis.

“The news that from next year 10,000 people with a disability, their families and carers in the Hunter will have their needs assessed and start to receive individual care and support packages is an important step towards establishing the NDIS.”

“Carers NSW has long been concerned at the lack of support and assistance available to people with a disability, their families and carers. The NDIS will provide a fairer support system, where they can access the supports and services they need.”

“People with a disability, their carers, and families across NSW have waited a long time for the NDIS, and we are pleased that our governments are working together to make the NDIS a reality,” said Ms Katrakis.

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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.