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## **NDIS AGREEMENT GIVES HOPE TO THOUSANDS OF CARERS ACROSS NSW**

The NDIS is well on the way to becoming a reality with the announcement of a landmark funding agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments today.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis said the agreement would give hope to thousands of carers and people with disabilities.

“The NDIS is going to revolutionise the way carers and people with disabilities access support and today’s agreement is such an important step in making the scheme a reality.”

“This agreement means that thousands of carers and people with disabilities across New South Wales can look forward to accessing the support that they need when they need it.”

“Carers and people with disabilities will be able to tailor their services and support to suit their changing needs and that is a very exciting prospect.”

Ms Katrakis also commended the NSW and Commonwealth Governments for cooperating to ensure the rollout of the scheme.

“This agreement represents a breakthrough in disability reform and it is fantastic to see the State and Commonwealth Governments working together towards such an important goal.”

“The fact that both Governments have committed to delivering a full NDIS rollout by 18 July is a major achievement.”

“Anyone can become a carer at any time and it is reassuring that there will be a strong safety net in place in the form of the NDIS so that carers and people with disabilities can be assured of support.”

“I am delighted that NSW is leading the way on this and it is my hope that other states will follow suit so that the NDIS can become a reality for all Australians,” Ms Katrakis said.

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