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DISABILITY ADVOCATES AND POLICY EXPERTS TO HAVE THEIR SAY AT THE CARERS NSW BIENNIAL CONFERENCE NDIS DEBATE

With the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments recently announcing a landmark agreement to fund a full NDIS rollout across the state, it is fitting that the topic of the debate at the **Carers NSW 2013 Biennial Conference: *Caring Working Living*** will focus on the scheme.

The debate, ‘**The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – will it do everything it needs to do?**’, will be moderated by renowned journalist and radio and television host, Geraldine Doogue and will focus on the following key questions:

- How inclusive is the legislation?
- Will the NDIS measure up to the principles of Australia’s statement for carers?
- Is the balance right between achieving fiscal responsibility and providing the level of support people need?
- Are community expectations of the NDIS too high?

Scott Holz, State Manager, National Disability Services and Carolyn Quinn, Carer and Member of the NSW Carers Advisory Council will take the affirmative side while John Walsh, Partner, Consulting Health Unit, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (previously Productivity Commissioner) and June Riemer, State Manager, Aboriginal Disability Network NSW will be the team for the negative.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis said that following the commitment of NSW to a full NDIS rollout, the debate was expected to be a major drawcard for conference attendees.

“The NDIS is going to revolutionise the way in which carers and those with disabilities access support. It has become part of a national discussion so it will make for an interesting and lively debate.”

“Given the fact that New South Wales was the first state to commit to a full NDIS rollout, people will be keen to hear from experts in the field on what the scheme might mean for carers and people with disabilities.”

The two-day conference will bring together a number of health professionals, service providers, Government representatives, employers and academics for workshops, roundtable discussions and the presentation of research papers.

Registrations are now open with early bird discounts available until December 31 2012. For more information or to register visit www.carersnsw.org.au

When: Thursday 14 – Friday 15 March 2013

Where: Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach

Cost: Early bird registration is \$320, full registration is \$370

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