



"d4d NDIS"

Submission to Productivity Commission



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Dear Member, Supporter or Friend of those with disability

If Kelly Vincent and the d4d team are going to be successful we need your support

First print up the d4d membership form above and sign up and sign a friend. Then get focused on NDIS.

The last meeting between the Productivity Commission and the people of South Australia is near. d4d encourages its members to attend this important event on April 18th. It will be last chance that we, as a community, will have to influence the content of this final report on the NDIS by the Commission.

In the main, the d4d Policy Development Sub-Committee is satisfied that the initial report by the Commission meets many of the criteria in order to right the inadequacies and the needs within the Disability Sector. However, the sceptic in me believes that this process will be drawn out and many of our constituents need support today. We estimate that an immediate \$2 billion is required to alleviate the current unmet need in Australia.

The fear though, is that there is a genuine chance the State Governments will cease funding whilst they wait for the Federal Government to take over with the NDIS. Therefore, in addition to the immediate provision of \$2 billion, the Federal Government should compel the State Governments, and in particular the Rann Government, to increase funding over the next two years.

We have produced a Draft document which contains an overview of the NDIS and some further recommendations for the Productivity Commissions Final Report. This document is located on our website, and as a d4d member, you have direct access to this document through the following link <http://www.d4d.org.au/Resources/Documents/NDIS%20Final%20Draft%20Document.pdf> .

The aim of the d4d Policy Development Sub-Committee is to produce various transparent disability policies, so that you, as a valued d4d member can influence and shape disability policy in South Australia. The benefit, as a member, extends to and includes direct email access to our d4d Policy Development Sub-Committee at d4dparty@gmail.com where your well-considered comments will be taken in to account within the guidelines of our d4d party policy protocols. These policy development protocols will be posted on our website after our next Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for April 21st.

And it is to that end we encourage our members to make comment on the NDIS policy and our d4d Policy Development Sub-Committee will take those comments into consideration. We will then provide a final written submission after the April 18th meeting to the Productivity Commission. Look forward to your input!

Cheers

Rick Neagle

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