

What is the Bilateral Agreement?

Fact sheet

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Key points:

- In December 2012 the NSW and Commonwealth Governments signed an agreement to have a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in NSW.
- They have now entered into a bilateral agreement that outlines how and when the NDIS will roll out in NSW.
- The agreement sets out what actions NSW, the Commonwealth and the National Disability Insurance Agency are responsible for during the rollout.

The NSW and Commonwealth Governments have announced a bilateral agreement that outlines how and when the NDIS will roll out in NSW. The introduction of the NDIS will give people with disability greater choice and control over the supports they receive and how they receive them.

This document explains what the bilateral agreement is, what it brings about, and why it is important to ensure a smooth transition to the NDIS for people with disability.

What is the Agreement and why is it important?

It outlines the roles and responsibilities for the NDIS that will be undertaken by the NSW Government, the Commonwealth Government, and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

It is a formal arrangement that builds on previous commitments. It confirms the funding, timing and resources that will be used to establish the NDIS in NSW.

Attached to the bilateral agreement is additional information about the rollout.

This information includes:

1. How and when people will enter the scheme between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018.
2. The funding responsibilities of the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.
3. Certainty that people currently receiving disability supports will not be disadvantaged when the NDIS is introduced.
4. What assistance will be in place to support people with disability, service providers and the wider disability sector in NSW.
5. That until the national quality and safeguarding approach is in place, the existing NSW and Commonwealth quality assurance arrangements will continue.
6. The arrangements in place to support people to access accommodation that meets their needs and preferences.

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How will the agreement affect me?

Refer to the [What you need to know about the NDIS rollout in NSW fact sheet](#) to read about how and when people with disability can access the NDIS.

For more information about the NDIS in NSW visit www.ndis.nsw.gov.au