

# Tasmanian Disability Services Sector Election Asks



**140,100**

The number of  
Tasmanians with  
disability



**1.3%**

of participants live  
in remote or very  
remote areas



**10,109**

The number of  
Tasmanians with  
disability who are  
NDIS participants



**64.8%**

of participants live in  
Hobart or Launceston



**Just 7%**

are supported  
by the NDIS



**35%**

of participants are  
children aged 0-14  
years



**477**

Number of active  
NDIS providers



\$403.7 million committed this year  
\$261.6 million paid  
**\$140.1 million underutilisation**  
**35% underutilisation**



## Disability Sector Asks!

### 1. Ensure that all Tasmanians with disability receive the services and support they need to live an ordinary life

As Australia's most regionalised population, investigation needs to be undertaken to determine whether the distribution of NDIS plans accurately reflects the population of people with disability or reflects significant NDIS underutilisation in remote or very remote areas. Currently only 1.3% of NDIS participants in Tasmania live in remote or very remote areas.

#### • Potential NDIS participants

Ensure those who are eligible for the NDIS receive NDIS funded services: Only 7% of people with disability in Tasmania are supported by the NDIS. Invest in place-based strategies to assist communities to navigate the NDIS, increase participation and build the capacity of thin markets to ensure strong local service provision.

#### • Others with Disability

Ensure those who are not eligible for NDIS services, but who still require supports, are able to access them where and when they need them. This includes improved access to housing, education, transport and health services. Funding for specialist support groups and advocacy services is also essential to support those outside of NDIS funding.

### 2. Commit to supplying affordable, accessible housing for people with disability

Lack of appropriate housing is a significant issue identified by disability service providers. Commit to create and implement a housing strategy that results in the adequate supply

of accessible and affordable housing for Tasmanians with disability.

### 3. Workforce development

Fund ongoing workforce development for the disability sector, in particular to assist with the implementation of the National Workforce Strategy and the NDIS Workforce Capability Framework, due for release in 2021.

### 4. Ongoing peak body funding

Continue peak body funding for NDS to ensure we can continue working with the State Government to:

- Build a larger, stronger and more sustainable disability sector. A sector that is better able to meet the needs of Tasmanian NDIA participants through improved choice, better control and higher plan utilisation rates.
- Maximise the economic and job growth opportunities that the NDIS presents.

### 5. Government Procurement

Social enterprises providing supports in employment for people with disability play a vital role in providing employment opportunities to people with disability across Tasmania. To support the sustainability of this sector and to grow employment opportunities for people with disability in Tasmania, NDS urges utilisation of the existing head deed and a commitment that 2% of all applicable Tasmanian Government procurement be made through these social enterprises.

Information sourced from [COAG Disability Reform Council Quarterly Report 31 Dec 2020](#) and [ABS data](#)