



Federal Budget 2018/19

NDIS Australia-wide

This budget secures funding for the NDIS for the foreseeable future. It **commits \$43B of Commonwealth money** over the next four years - consistent with the Commonwealth's share.

NDIS in states & territories

Over the coming year, state and territory governments will benefit from the **transfer of almost \$3.4B from the DisabilityCare Australia Fund** - established in 2014 to assist governments to implement the NDIS.

Mental health

There will be an **increase of \$338M over four years in mental health funding**, which will focus on suicide prevention, research and older Australians.

NDIS Jobs & Market Fund

\$64.3M over three years will establish an NDIS Jobs and Market Fund with an aim to stimulate growth and investment. The Fund continues part of the work of the Sector Development Fund, which expires in June.

Continuity of Support

The DSS will establish additional continuity of support arrangements **at a cost of \$92M over five years** to ensure services for people currently receiving support who are ineligible for the NDIS.

NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission

\$43M will establish the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. This funding will establish the national office and a regional office for NSW and SA.

Disability Employment

\$10M over two years will be provided to some three star and above DES providers to assist with transition to the new DES program.

\$500,000 has been set aside for consultation to "develop a new model for supported employment..."

Carers Allowance

The Carers Allowance will be means-tested for the first time, with the government **setting a \$250,000 income test threshold.** The money saved will be directed to Integrated Carer Support Service consisting of early intervention for carers.

Epilepsy Action Response Service

Epilepsy Action Australia will receive **\$1.3M over three years** to set up a national response service to provide information and expertise, especially in rural/remote areas.

Disability Support Pension

The budget projects **a 2.3% decline in expenditure** on the DSP, continuing a trend which has seen the number of DSP recipients fall by over 70,000 since 2014.