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NESA – Congratulations on 20 Years!

Vision

"Opportunity for everyone through employment and inclusion."



National Disability Insurance Scheme



Last week hit a significant milestone of 100,000 participants



DES Reform 2017 Budget Announcement

- During the next four years, the Australian Government will invest more than **\$3 billion** in DES and associated services.
- This includes more than **\$300 million** over the next ten years to index payments to DES.
- To take effect from 1 July 2018



DES Reform - Consultation

- Significant consultation with the provider and disability sectors.
- This has helped shape the changes being introduced.
- Two major changes:
 - Increased participant choice and control
 - Relaxing market restrictions increasing competition and contestability.



DES Program Changes – Participant Choice and Control

- Easier for participants to choose their own employment provider and how services are delivered.
- Funding follows the participant should they move provider.
- Empowering a person in selecting their pathway to employment.



Improving Competition and Contestability Between Providers

- Current market share arrangements for DES providers will be removed.
- DES providers will now have to attract job seekers to their organisation, rather than being guaranteed a share of available business.



Improving Competition and Contestability Between Providers

- Easier for existing DES providers to expand their services into new regions, and for new organisations to join DES and become a DES provider.
- Improved competition and contestability between providers will drive innovation.



Registrations of Interest are open!

- Registration closes 29 August.
- Existing providers that register interest and are performing well will get an 'Invitation to Treat'.
- Current and potential new providers can also apply to provide DES services.
- Applications will be open for six weeks in September and October



Working with Employers

- Building employer awareness and capacity.
- Work constructively with employers in businesses of all sizes.
- Both the employer and employee benefit.
- Improved productivity and workplace culture.





Thank you

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