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Creating more jobs will strengthen employment and inclusion

Providing targeted supports to people who are disadvantaged in the labour market is important in ensuring that all Australians benefit from the significant job creation strategies outlined in tonight's 2018 Federal Budget.

"Employment services are critical in supporting jobseekers to participate fully in the economic and social life of the Nation and to providing opportunities for employment and inclusion as labour markets are transforming," said Sally Sinclair, CEO of the National Employment Services Association (NESA).

"In particular, we are pleased to see the Government strengthening its support to mature aged jobseekers including those at risk of unemployment, through a series of targeted measures. We also welcome the Government's announcements on regional employment trials and progress of reforms to the Community Development Programme (CDP) in remote Australia.

We look forward to working with the Government on the further development, transition and implementation of these and other important employment reforms and ensuring that employment services are well positioned to respond to the Government's initiatives."

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