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MEDIA RELEASE

Achieve Australia supports NDIS Roadshow in Chatswood

On 28 February 2011 the productivity commission released a draft report into the life time care and support of people with a disability. The report found that:

“The disability system overall is inequitable, underfunded, fragmented and inefficient and give people with a disability little choice”.

The productivity commission recommended in the draft report the creation of a national disability insurance scheme (NDIS). The scheme would effectively double the amount of funding and the number of people with a severe disability that would receive services and support.

Achieve Australia Chief Executive Officer Anne Bryce said

“Achieve Australia has joined together with organisations right across the disability community to support a campaign calling for the introduction of a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The campaign is called the Every Australian Counts campaign for two reasons. Firstly, we believe that people with a disability, their families and carers should be given the necessary care and support so that they can participate in all facets of our community. Secondly the campaign is called Every Australian Counts because disability can touch all Australians”.

“At the moment the disability system is broken and families are at crisis point. The introduction of an NDIS is a once in a generation opportunity to revolutionise disability care and support in Australia. An NDIS would mean that people with a disability, their families and carers would receive the basic services and support the rest of the community takes for granted”.

Anne Bryce concluded “Achieve Australia is supporting a local community forum in Chatswood to discuss the introduction of an NDIS and the Every Australian Counts Campaign.”

The Chatswood roadshow is taking place on Friday 8 April from 10:30am to 12:30pm at Chatswood RSL Club, 446 Victoria Avenue Chatswood.

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