1. Queensland will transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 2016 with full implementation due by 1 July 2019. As part of Queensland’s readiness, the government is reviewing Queensland Government legislation to ensure legislation enables and supports transition to the NDIS and full scheme implementation in Queensland.
2. This project involves two stages:
* Stage One (dual system) – this stage involves the review of legislation and supporting policies and procedures to facilitate commencement of transition to the NDIS from 2016.
* Stage Two (full scheme) – this stage involves preparation to ensure legislation, policies and procedures in Queensland are able to support full scheme roll out from 1 July 2019.
1. This is Stage One which involves progression of the critical and essential amendments required to support and enable transition to the NDIS in Queensland. Through the review, it has been identified that most of the amendments required relate to the operation of Queensland’s quality and safeguards system.
2. The Disability Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 gives effect to the following key policy changes:
* extending the application of safeguards to non-government disability service providers that are no longer funded by DCCSDS but receive funding through an NDIS participant’s approved plan
* introducing monitoring and investigative provisions to allow DCCSDS to monitor the compliance of NDIS non-government disability service providers with certain safeguards, to protect NDIS participants receiving disability services
* providing for DCCSDS to request identifiable client information from other agencies for the sole purpose of reconciliation by DCCSDS against NDIA invoices
* redefining the term ‘visitable site’ under the *Public Guardian Act 2014* to permit community visitors to visit sites in which an NDIS participant is receiving supports funded through a participant’s approved plan
* expanding the definition of ‘death in care’ under the *Coroners Act 2003* to cover NDIS participants accessing accommodation services funded through a participant’s approved plan.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Disability Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Disability Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)