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### **MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT FOR AGEING AND DISABILITIES**

As Assistant Minister for Social Services I am delighted to have responsibility as the dedicated minister for ageing and disabilities.

Having held the disabilities and carers portfolio for the Coalition for the past four years I am extremely pleased that there will be continuity in front bench representation at ministerial level for Australians with disability, their families, carers and the organisations that support them.

The Coalition is committed to the full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and this will be a priority as minister. Making a difference in the employment of people with disability will also be an important focus.

With responsibility for disabilities and ageing under the one minister, the role of carers in the lives of ageing Australians and people with disability will fall within the one portfolio. The role of carers of all ages cannot be underestimated. This has been highlighted by Mr Abbott's annual Pollie Pedal bike ride which for the past two years has raised awareness and funds for Carers Australia.

I am looking forward to the added ministerial responsibility for ageing. The sector is the best teacher for an incoming minister and I look forward to getting to know and working on reform with those in this important area.