

Jobs boom predicted from NDIS

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More than 25,000 jobs will be created in the disability sector in Victoria when the National Disability Insurance Scheme is fully implemented, according to industry research.

As bureaucrats prepare to launch a Disability Care Australia pilot program in Geelong from July, federal government agency National Disability Services has begun an advertising campaign to attract workers to the sector. Initially focused on Sydney, the campaign is targeting parents returning to work, students and people looking for a change in career.

Based on a sample of resumes sent to NDS' employment arm, career cares, most of those changing careers are coming from industries that have experienced recent cutbacks. About a quarter of career changers come from a retail or sales background, 14 per cent come from hospitality and 12 per cent switch from IT.

Nationally, it is expected the number of people working in disability care will double from about 70,000 today by 2018, when the scheme will allow people with disabilities to have greater say in their own care.

LISA Comment: Without proper assessment and control, an increased workforce will equal just more of the problem we have now – that of a large percentage of direct care staff with a minder-care, rather than a quality of life approach.

Those in our society with limited intellectual capacity for whatever reason, need lifestyle expansion through consistent and meaningful interaction (engagement), developmental and social activities – Not be minded to watch grass grow, as many are now!

People could have a greater say in their own care now if it were not for the traditional bureaucrats protecting their empire.

The residents of DHS, Victoria, group homes throughout the state, could have choice of service provider for the home for which they pay rent, or move to another service provider, if it were not for the restrictive practices of DHS, Victoria.

This government department, (a) denies residents real residential tenancy rights, so they could choose which staff work in their home, (b) denies residents their service fee as an ISP and, (c) uses its DSR to deny residents of all supported accommodation group home service providers the right of choice and movement.