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In light of recent union protests in Victoria about the Government's alleged 'privatisation' of disability services, NDS' Victorian State Manager, David Moody, sought to correct the record in a letter to the editor of the Herald Sun.

The letter was published on 18 October with a headline chosen by the newspaper 'Dan helping disabled'. It reads:

“Contrary to media reports, Premier Daniel Andrews is not turning his back on disability services in turning to the non-government sector; he's making policy-backed and evidence-driven decisions that benefit people with disability. There is no question the NGO disability sector is best placed to deliver services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. NGO disability services employ highly skilled staff who are critical to supporting people with disability to realise their goals. They are community-run organisations that harness enormous social capital in communities the government could never hope to replicate, and they are ready to meet the demands of the NDIS and offer real choice and control to people. There's opportunity, not harm, for people with disability in a future where services are delivered by the non-government sector.” -David Moody Victorian Manager, National Disability Services.

NDS is conscious of the importance of advocacy on behalf of non-government disability service providers. We will continue to work with and assist our members to keep abreast of these and other issues which may arise as the Victorian Government considers the transition of disability services to non-government providers.

Members are invited to use language relied upon in this letter in their own correspondence about these issues.