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Launching a National Disability Insurance Scheme in the Barwon Region

The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Minister for Disability Reform, says:

People with significant and profound disabilities in the Barwon region of Victoria are set to benefit from a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 1 July 2013.

Over the course of the trial about 5,000 people with significant and profound disabilities, their families and carers in the Barwon region will have their needs assessed and will start to receive individual care and support packages under an NDIS model.

The Australian and Victorian Governments will work together to provide people with disability, their families and carers with the care and support they need, when they need it.

We question it will be the level of support they need and want, when the Commonwealth is quoting a benchmark figure of \$20,779 per person, per year. This figure will purchase little more than a relatively few hours of support per week - such as in-home support.

A five day per week registered day service can cost, in service fees only, as much as, \$30,000 pa. And a supported accommodation group home, in service fees only, as much as, \$130,000 pa. The total for one person would be, \$160,000 pa.

Certainly, not every one of the 5000 people would need or want this level or type of support, but there must be many in the Barwon area who need and want this type of top level of support, or similar.

Given the restricted funding of the trial, the number of people funded will be inversely proportional with the number who need and want the top level of support.

We are, therefore, especially interested to hear from those people and/or their families, who need and want what we have defined as the top level of support, or similar, and how and when they are assessed as to their needs. As the selection process, following assessment, may initially favour those with low support needs.

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The objective of LISA Inc is to empower and support families with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability who is living in supported accommodation to better understand service provision procedures, care policies, standards and values, and thereby be better positioned to scrutinise service providers. And, to lobby service providers for consistent and meaningful provision of quality of life care.