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Prime Minister Turnbull has signed agreements for Victoria to roll out the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), starting with NE Melbourne in July next year - 2016.

The intention of the NDIS is that of reducing or eliminating the long waiting list for support services, and improving the quality of these services through the support service funding being within the consumer's control. In the form of an Individual Support Package (ISP), rather than block funding to the service provider.

The scheme is intended to provide consumers with choice, control and quality of life support and care services, in total contrast to most of the current block funded services.

Whereas, for those living in supported accommodation group homes throughout the State, there will be just one benefit. This being the financial ability and right to re-locate. This is, however, of little benefit to most group home residents, as many have little support to re-locate and do not easily accept something new.

The transition from state block-funding to federal ISP funding being seen by most service providers and their staff as just a, "carry-on as usual transparent change of funding". Rather than real, choice, control and [quality of life support and care services](#).

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Federal Government will not respond to the concerns expressed by Lifestyle in Supported Accommodation (LISA) Inc. to the potential for the NDIS good service intentions not to be enjoyed by all group home residents under NDIS service funding.

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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.