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“Disability support services are intended to be vastly better under the NDIS!”

Group home disability support services in Barwon have been under the NDIS for the past three years – where the support service funding is in the hands of the consumer (person with disabilities and their stakeholder). But only for those where services are provided by non-government service providers.

Barwon homes directly managed by the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS – the Department) remain department block-funded. And, the Department intend to continue this practice from July in the North East Melbourne Area (NEMA).

The LISA Group attempted to gain contact with DHHS consumers in Barwon to seek their views on the level and quality of their support services before and after the introduction of NDIS into the Barwon Area – but contact was denied by DHHS.

With intended marketplace support services for people with disabilities, it is important the views of consumers are heard, that others may benefit from their experiences.

The LISA Group invite consumers from the Barwon Area to make contact, as service level and quality views with assist those in NEMA about to enter marketplace services from July.

All forms of contact are most welcome, including covert contacts by mail, email, phone or via our website or chat-room - however people feel most comfortable.

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.