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Dear

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the Victorian Government's next steps in transforming disability services to ensure all people with disability get the best support possible under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS is a once-in-a-generation reform. It is transforming the way disability services are funded and accessed to ensure all people with disability get the support and services they need and deserve.

More people with disability and their families will receive the support they need and deserve for the first time, and it will mean the end of waitlists.

In December 2015, the Victorian Government announced that it would begin identifying which organisations are best placed to provide disability services currently provided by the State Government.

The next stage for the NDIS in Victoria is to measure the interest and capacity of non-government service providers to deliver disability services across the state through an expression of interest (EOI) process.

The EOI process has been designed to test whether the strict conditions the Government has set for the future of disability services can be met, and to measure the interest and ability of the non-government sector to deliver services.

Interested parties are being invited to submit an EOI on their capacity to meet the Government's strict standards and deliver the following services:

- Supported Independent Living;
- Short Term Accommodation and Assistance (currently known as facility based respite);
- Early Childhood Intervention Services; and
- Behavioural Intervention Services.

The EOI will be open for nine weeks and will not affect the delivery of any current services. There will not be any changes to services before the end of the year as a result of this process.

It is important for you to know that no decision has been made to transfer services. There will be no transition of services if the strict conditions the Government has set are not met.

Potential providers will have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have the capacity and expertise to deliver quality services for clients with strong and enduring standards and safeguards.

After the EOI process has concluded, the Government will assess responses, test whether conditions have been met, and make a decision regarding the future delivery of disability services in Victoria.

Most importantly, the Government must be satisfied that any transfer of services to non-government providers is the best option for people with disability, providing positive outcomes for them and their families. The Government is clear that as the NDIS rolls out no one should be worse off - not people with disability and not staff.

The Government is committed to continuing to consult with people with disability and their families, with disability staff and providers throughout the EOI process.

We will continue to provide you with updates as new information becomes available. For further details, please refer to the attached flyer or visit the Victorian Government's NDIS website at www.vic.gov.au/ndis.