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MSWA applauds NDIS decision

MSWA CEO, Marcus Stafford has congratulated the Federal and State Governments on reaching agreement on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and its governance model. Under the agreement, reached by Federal Minister for Social Services Christian Porter and WA's Disability Services Minister Donna Faragher, WA NDIS will operate under a model that leverages the benefits of both schemes.

"On International day of People with Disability, this is a timely announcement and one that is the best outcome for people with disabilities. This collaborative model plays to the mutual strengths of both the Federal and State processes. It brings together a national framework with strong governance and consistency with the important ability of being implemented on the ground by Western Australian leaders and managers. Local people who know the environment, can build relationships and deliver the best services in a cost-effective manner," said Mr Stafford.

Mr Stafford, who is also the Chair of the State's CEO Roundtable and sits on the General Council of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that in his view the NDIS is the biggest social reform to support people with disabilities in Australia's history. He said that the good sense and practicality of today's agreement will help create certainty for the tens of thousands of people in Western Australia living with disabilities.

"No-one wants to find themselves lost within a bureaucratic system. This model supports local, informed decision making and continues the journey of allowing people with disabilities to enjoy greater choice and control over their lives. Something that the able-bodied community takes for granted.

"If society is judged by how it treats its vulnerable and disadvantaged, as Western Australians we will look at this agreement as a moment in our history when we did both the right thing and the smart thing," Mr Stafford said.

MSWA is a registered NDIS service provider and offers its services to people with all neurological conditions including multiple sclerosis, stroke, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, acquired brain injury and motor neurone disease.

"MSWA currently provides a suite of services to people with MS and other neurological conditions across the State. With the WA NDIS trial sites recently expanding to Armadale, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale we look forward to helping more people when it comes to occupational therapy, counselling, physiotherapy, speech therapy, recreation and socialisation, respite service, in-home support and case co-ordination," Mr Stafford added.

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