

# Media Release

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## **Illawarra Disability Alliance providers welcome new NDIS pricing**

Illawarra Disability Alliance (IDA) providers welcome the announcement from the NDIS Minister, the Hon Bill Shorten, on an increase in pricing for most NDIS supports.

For many registered providers the challenge to deliver quality supports within existing pricing arrangements was at a crisis point and an uplift to pricing essential to ensure providers can continue to provide essential supports. Illawarra providers together with other organisations around the country, participated in the NDIA's recent pricing review consultations and are pleased to see the government has listened and is acknowledging the challenges providers have experienced.

The 9% increase to the NDIS core support price limits will help to address the cost pressures in delivery of supports to Participants of the Scheme, including the Fair Work Commission's recent 4.6% wage increase decision and other changes to the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services (SCHADS) Industry Award (under which we pay our staff) and the significant quality and safeguards regulatory requirements for registered providers. We are also pleased to see recognition for the significant overhead costs for quality and safeguarding incurred by registered providers this year in keeping participants safe and supported that have not previously been considered.

IDA providers are relieved to see this uplift to the price guide which is absolutely warranted and we are grateful the government and Minister Shorten are listening. Providers have been working diligently in our efforts to deliver services with negative margins and going backwards as a result. This decision is a positive step in the right direction that acknowledges the challenges being experienced by the sector and the real issues providers have been facing.

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