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PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM MORE THAN \$3 BILLION

The 2017-18 NSW Budget promotes choice, community inclusion, and engagement for people with disability and demonstrates the success of the ongoing transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Minister for Disability Services, Ray Williams announced.

“This Budget demonstrates the significant investment NSW is making to deliver an NDIS that supports people with disability to take charge of their future. It also reflects the transition of disability services to the non-government sector and meets the NSW contribution in full,” Mr Williams said.

“The NSW Government is working tirelessly to promote inclusion and ensure there are no barriers for people with disability to live life their way.”

More than 54,000 people with disability have already joined the NDIS in NSW, with a further 60,000 to join in 2017-18.

“We also continue to acknowledge the importance of investing in our youth and volunteers. In this Budget we continue to support youth to connect with their community, assisting with volunteer recruitment and recognising the contributions made to our State.”

This Budget includes:

- \$2 billion recurrent funding for supports and services, including \$1.3 billion in funding to the National Disability Insurance Agency for clients who are now being supported under the NDIS
- \$1.4 billion on helping people with a disability to participate socially and economically in their community
- \$3.9 million for youth participation programs to encourage young people to lead and participate in community activities
- \$1.6 million for the NSW Volunteering Strategy, to better recruit, support and recognise volunteers in the community

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