### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE NDIS AND DISABILITY SERVICES IN NSW

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The Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No.2 will be holding its first public hearing on Monday 17 September 2018 for its inquiry into the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the provision of disability services in New South Wales.

The committee will hear from a range of key stakeholders at the hearing, including the NSW Government, the National Disability Insurance Authority (NDIA) and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. Peak organisations within the disability sector, such as the National Disability Services and People with Disability Australia, will also be giving evidence. Panels of individuals engaged in the NDIS, including participants and carers, as well as individuals who are not covered by the NDIS will also be sharing their experiences and stories with the committee.

Committee Chair, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, said: 'The NDIS is now available to all eligible people living in New South Wales. The committee is holding its first public hearing to examine the implementation of the NDIS in New South Wales and whether it has provided choice and control for people with disability. We will also be considering the provision of support services for people with disability, regardless of whether they are eligible or ineligible to participate in the Scheme.'

A second public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday 2 October 2018. For further information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference please visit the committee's <u>website</u> or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3726.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC, on 9230 2280.