**Transcript: What the Tasmania test means for new Participants**

We will begin a test of our new computer system and processes to deliver a better NDIS in Tasmania from November 2022.

This NDIS test will only take place in Tasmania.

The test does not change the NDIS rules or the way the NDIS works

Not everyone in Tasmania will be part of the test.

If you become a new participant after our test in Tasmania starts, the information and evidence you provided in your application will help us to start preparing your budget.

You’ll be invited to meet with the NDIA planner who approves your plan.

Your NDIA planner will check they have a good understanding of your situation to make sure the supports in your plan are reasonable and necessary and work well together.

Your NDIA planner will explain the information they looked at when getting your plan and budget started.

Your planner will ask questions about your individual circumstances.

If you provide more information or evidence in your plan meeting, your planner may decide to change your budget.

To help you make the most of your plan, your myNDIS contact can meet with you and answer any questions you have about:

• using online tools and resources to manage your budget

• choosing the providers you want to work with regularly. These are called participant endorsed providers

• using the my NDIS particiapant portal to see your plan and pay your providers

Your NDIS plan will remain in place until your situation or support needs change. This means your plan could be up to three years long.

We’ll check-in with you at least every year, to check if your plan is still meeting your needs and ask how you are tracking against your goals.

You can tell us about changes in your life that might mean you need more, less or different supports at any time. You don’t need to wait for your next check-in.

We will work directly with you each time your plan needs to be changed.

Helping participants get the right NDIS plan and make the most of it to pursue their goals is an important part of our plan to improve the experience people have with the NDIS.

We will learn from everyone taking part in the Tasmania testto make sure the improvements we’re introducing work the way they should.

You can find more information about the NDIS test in Tasmania on our website, ndis.gov.au slash improvements.