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The Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments have reached a landmark agreement that locks in enduring arrangements for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Tasmania.

Minister for Families and Social Services, Paul Fletcher, said the agreement is a significant step forward in the full rollout of the NDIS across Australia.

“This agreement sets in place long-term arrangements for the funding and governance of the NDIS in Tasmania, providing certainty to the people of Tasmania,” Mr Fletcher said.

“The Tasmanian Government has committed to make fixed, upfront funding contributions and the Commonwealth has agreed to pay the balance of Scheme costs in Tasmania.

“The agreement also enables Tasmania to access $222.6 million of DisabilityCare Australia Fund payments between 2018-19 and 2023-24.”

Premier of Tasmania, Will Hodgman, said that reaching this agreement underscores the Tasmanian Government’s commitment to supporting people with disability.

“At full scheme, the NDIS is expected to support around 10,600 Tasmanians with disability to achieve their goals,” Premier Hodgman said.

“The NDIA is already supporting more than 5,000 Tasmanians with disability, more than one-third of whom were not previously receiving government funded disability supports.”

Minister for Disability Services and Community Development, Jacquie Petrusma, said the NDIS gives Tasmanians with disability choice and control over their own support and is strengthening Tasmania’s economy by creating around 2500 new jobs in the sector.”

“All existing clients who are eligible for the NDIS will continue to be supported by the State until they have an approved NDIS plan in place,” Minister Petrusma said.

The new Agreement will take effect from 1 July 2019.

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