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All eligible Queenslanders now have access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with the Scheme rolling out in the last remaining regions in Queensland; Moreton Bay and the Sunshine Coast on 1 January 2019.

More than 25,000 Queenslanders are already accessing the NDIS, with 6,800 of those receiving supports for the first time.

Minister for Families and Social Services, Paul Fletcher, said the final roll out in Queensland allows the NDIS to provide support to all eligible people with disability in the state.

“I am pleased to announce the NDIS is now available to all eligible Queenslanders,” Mr Fletcher said.

“The NDIS is already empowering more than 208,000 Australians to have choice and control in how they live their lives.

“The final roll out in Queensland will ensure people with disability have the support they need to achieve their goals.”

Assistant Minister for Social Services, Housing and Disability Services, Sarah Henderson, added the roll out in Queensland was an important milestone for the Scheme.

“Today marks an important step for the NDIS, as we can now provide opportunities for people with disability across all of Queensland,” Ms Henderson said.

“The NDIS is life-changing and this milestone ensures all eligible Queenslanders now have access to reasonable and necessary supports to ensure they can engage with and contribute to their communities.”

The NDIS is expected to create more than 12,900 jobs and inject an additional $2.5 billion into the Queensland economy.

Once fully implemented, the NDIS is estimated to support about 91,000 people with disability in Queensland and about 460,000 people nationally.

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