

New initiatives to help NDIS participants in Geelong who want to move into work

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Assistant Minister for Social Services, Housing and Disability Services, Sarah Henderson will visit Matchworks in Geelong today to present a range of practical changes to help National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants with career goals to develop their skills and find work.

“The Australian Government is committed to creating employment opportunities for Australians with disability and these changes are going to make a practical difference,” Ms Henderson said.

“The NDIS Participant Employment Taskforce, established in November 2018 is now delivering changes that open the way for better employment outcomes.”

Matchworks is a Disability Employment Service provider located in Geelong, which is currently helping over 600 people with disability find work and keep a job.

Today, Ms Henderson will meet with NDIS participants to talk about how meaningful employment has positively impacted their lives.

New changes announced today would accelerate and smooth the road to employment and give people with disability all across the country more options.

This includes NDIS participants having easier access to employment support funding in NDIS plans by being able to activate employment supports as soon as they find a job, instead of waiting for the next plan review.

Local Area Coordinators and planners will also be given fresh training and support materials so they can better discuss employment options and build the confidence of participants seeking work.

[Details about the Taskforce can be found on the Department of Social Services website](#)

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