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More than 300,000 Australians are now receiving support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), with the major milestone announced today.

Notably, of the 300,000 NDIS participants, over 100,000 are receiving disability-related supports for the very first time.

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Stuart Robert, said the NDIS is changing the lives of more people living with disability than ever before, with more than 7,000 Tasmanians alone receiving supports - 3,100 of those for the first time.

“The NDIS is a world-leading reform and it is critically important in supporting Australians with disability, and their families to help them live more independently and achieve their goals,” said Minister Robert.

The most recent NDIS quarterly report also indicated 88 per cent of participants were satisfied with their planning experience, and 94 per cent of parents and carers with children under five years said the NDIS has had a positive impact on their child’s development.

Minister Robert said the latest figures are evidence of the significant progress of the NDIS to provide greater choice and control to people living with disability, however further improvements to the delivery of the Scheme are an ongoing priority.

“The NDIS is delivering important outcomes for participants to live more empowered, independent lives and to achieve their goals. However, we recognise each person has individual needs.

As part of our commitment to ensuring Australians can more easily access the government services they rely on, we will continue to work hard, with the National Disability Insurance Agency, to ensure the needs of an estimated 500,000 Australians with disability are met through the NDIS over the next five years.”

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