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Since the National Disability Insurance Agency opened its trial site in the Perth hills in July 2014, over 600 people with disability have received individualised plans helping them to live more independently and engage with their community.

Nationally, more than 11,000 people have plans as a part of the trial phase of the Scheme being administered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

This week, the focus of the NDIA Board is firmly on the experiences of West Australians, with a two-day board meeting being held in Perth. The board will hear from local participants in the scheme and how their experiences can shape the NDIS as it moves towards full scheme.

As a part of the visit, the community will have the chance to hear an update from Agency Chairman, Bruce Bonyhady AM on the progress of the scheme and the importance of the insurance principles for the Scheme's success.

The meeting will be held at Technology Park Function Centre on Thursday, 19 March from midday for the general public.

Mr Bonyhady will be joined by a panel of experts, including independent NDIA Scheme Actuary, Sarah Johnson. A question and answer session will follow the panel discussion.

Ms Johnson will outline insurance principles and how this model underpins the sustainability of the NDIS for generations to come.

The audience will also hear from Perth Hills trial site participant, Grace King, who will share her personal NDIS experience to date. Leanne Bridges, mother of a NDIS participant, an industry professional and NDIS Perth Hills Advocacy Group member, will also share her experiences.

**Date:** 19 March 2015

**Time:** 12pm for lunch, for a 12.30pm start

**Address:** Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley, WA

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