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## Media Release

The Disability Council NSW (the Council) strongly supports the call of the Hon. Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services for the Commonwealth to release the underspent National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding.

As the Council, which is also the collective voice for people with disability in NSW, we see and hear of significant barriers faced by people with disability accessing and utilising the scheme.

It is particularly challenging for people with disability in regional, rural and remote NSW with limited or no service availability, not getting appropriate assessment or support and waiting for months to have their package approved or varied.

To ensure that the NDIS does what it was envisioned to, it is critical to advocate for the needs of people with disability who are underfunded or missing out on funding altogether.

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