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DELIVERING OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

People with disability in NSW will be better supported through the NDIS after multiple landmark decisions were made at today's COAG Disability Reform Council.

Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services Gareth Ward said the Gold Coast meeting was an overwhelming success and thanked the new Federal Minister, Stuart Robert, for his engagement and leadership.

"This is another step forward for the NDIS, which will now reach more people and provide more tailored support," Mr Ward said.

"It's vital that we provide quick resolutions to the scheme's challenges, and I am pleased that we were able to unite today to ensure a more robust NDIS."

The NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into the NDIS held last year examined many of the issues addressed in today's meeting.

Matters relating to early childhood intervention, coordination between the NDIS and health systems, and instances where children are unable to live at home due to complex disability needs were first raised at the Inquiry.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has led the way to promote more consistent funding of NDIS supports and to reduce service gaps for children and their families," Mr Ward said.

"Today's meeting built upon this work and will ensure participants of the NDIS are placed at the centre of everything we do.

"However, there is still more to be done and we will continue to work with the Commonwealth and other states to get the best possible outcomes for people with disability."

Under the agreements made today, the NDIS will also fund support for disability-related health needs including swallowing, respiratory issues, and continence aids.

The Council also agreed to fund arrangements for disability-related supports and daily living expenses for children with disability living outside the family home.

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