Assistance for PWD

- Disability has long been neglected
- Discrimination has been reduced
- UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Commonwealth and States have made, and make, substantial efforts ($6 billion)
- Workforce constraints
- Unmet demand

NDIS Proposal

- Greatly welcomed by PWD and families
- Bi-partisan support
- Entitlement basis
- Assistance based on need for support, not reason for disability
- Assessment to determine need for support across all domains of disability

Key Roadblocks for the NDIS

- Complexity
- Financing
  - Commonwealth and State effort needed
  - Essential to find savings from current arrangements
- Context for discussing NIIS

NIIS Problems

- Scope: ‘Catastrophic injury’ only
- Full funding: excludes existing injured
- Existing systems remain
- Injured preferential access to rehab etc
- Complex funding
- 2020 review: reform window is now

The Way Forward

1. A unified NDIS
2. Medicare coverage for injured people
3. Expanded ‘Care’ services for all
4. NDIS support to be ‘primary’
5. Immediate wind back of common law
6. Cwlth/State financing for NDIS