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Communique

The second formal meeting of the Disability Council NSW for 2018 was held at Parliament House.

The Council reviewed progress with the four key priorities from their 2018 Annual Plan:

- Disability Inclusion Action Planning
- Disability Inclusion Plan and Act Review
- Community awareness in partnership with the private sector
- NDIS safeguards and adequacy

The Council determined to meet with the Australian Network on Disability to explore opportunities to engage with the business community of New South Wales to further promote disability inclusion in the workplace. Council are looking forward to their involvement in shaping the review of the NSW Disability Inclusion Plan and the Disability Inclusion Act.

The Council welcomed David Coyne, Regional Manager, NSW Sydney, Julie Fayers, Assistant Director, Sydney Region and Donna Weekes, Director of Stakeholder Engagement from the National Disability Insurance Agency. They provided an overview of the current implementation status of the NDIS in NSW and addressed a number of questions relating to NDIS implementation which had been raised by Council. Key concerns noted by Council related to implementation of the McKinsey report recommendations, NDIS planning process and service levels, and service provider concerns. The Council appreciated the frank and detailed update from the NDIA and acknowledged the hard work that is occurring within the Agency and the many successes achieved to date. Council particularly welcomed the work that is currently underway to establish communities of practice.

The Council considered a range of options for the utilisation of the bequest from the estate of the late Ms Dorothy Hansen. It was determined that the Council would further consider proposed options for determination at the August meeting.

The Council determined to send two representatives to the National Disability Summit to be held in Melbourne in August 2018.

The Council received a report from its member's attendance at the Accessible Transport Advisory Committee in March 2018 and Everyone Can Play Advisory Group Workshop in May 2018.

The Council noted the Disability Council website had been updated to include the profiles of its new members.

The next meeting will take place in August 2018.

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