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The National Disability Summit

29th – 30th April 2010 | Rydges Melbourne

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Dr Ken Baker, *Chief Executive*, National Disability Services

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Joan Hughes, *Chief Executive Officer*, Carers Australia

Robbi Williams, *CEO*, Julia Farr group & National Convenor, In-Control Australia

Dr Ron Chalmers, *Director General*, Disability Services Commission, WA

Dr Maree Dyson, *Principal Consultant on the Management of Serious Injury*, Dyson Consulting

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Helen Ferguson, *Executive Director, Policy & Performance*, Disability & Community Care Services, Department of Communities, Queensland

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Conference Day One: Thursday 29th April 2010

8.30 Registration and Coffee

9.00 **Opening Remarks from the Chair**

Bruce Bonyhady, *Chairman, Yooralla*

9.10 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, *Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities & Children's Services*

9.50 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

A System Under Pressure

The disability services system is under severe strain from factors including:

- High and changing demand for services
- A rising tide of regulation and red tape
- Workforce and skills shortages
- Poorly articulated service pathways
- Low funding and inadequate investment in research to guide planning and innovation

Dr Ken Baker, *Chief Executive, National Disability Services*

10.30 Morning Tea

11.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

The Welfare System and Disability Services

Dr Jeff Harmer AO, *Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)*

11.40 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

Disability Policy: Collapse or Legacy Reform?

- Reviewing the current structure of disability services which is based on a charity model – It is fracturing and breaking due to very significant demographic and social changes over many years
- Outlining the recommendations by the Disability Investment Group for a National Disability Insurance Scheme – It would be equitable, efficient, balance the needs of current and future generations and fiscally responsible
- Moving forward – A Productivity Commission Inquiry has been established to consider options for a national disability long term care and support scheme and disability is now on the agenda for the Council of Australian Governments (COAG)
- Examining the alternatives which could not be starker or more important to all Australians

Bruce Bonyhady, *Chairman, Yooralla*

12.20 Lunch

1.30 **Control, Capacity and Community: Assessing the Impact of Self-Directed Funding and the Implications for Re-Working Australia's Disability Services**

- The nature of self-directed funding or individualised funding
- Its implementation – Stories from overseas
- What helps and what doesn't
- From passive recipient to active citizen
- Safeguarding and leadership

Robbi Williams, *CEO, Julia Farr group & National Convenor, In-Control Australia*

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PART ONE

2.10 **Ten Year Horizon – Disability Services in Queensland**

Helen Ferguson, *Executive Director, Policy & Performance, Disability & Community Care Services, Department of Communities, Queensland*

2.50 Afternoon Tea

3.20 **Shifting Control and Decision Making to the People Using Services: The Western Australian Journey**

- Traditional versus personalised service systems
- Rationale for shifting control to service users
- The Western Australian journey
- The importance of the not-for-profit sector
- Recent developments

Dr Ron Chalmers, *Director General, Disability Services Commission, WA*

4.00 **Big Picture Stories of Changing Labour Markets, Disability and Welfare Reform**

The presentation will address the following questions:

- Establishing why disability support numbers have increased among OECD countries?
- Understanding why women are the new growth area in disability?
- Will current reforms work?
- What is the future for disability and welfare reform?
- What responses should be made to the Henry Review?

R G Gregory, *Professor Emeritus, ANU & Professorial Fellow, Victoria University*

4.40 Closing Remarks from the Chair

4.50 Networking Drinks

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Conference Day Two: Friday 30th April 2010

8.30 Registration and Coffee

9.00 **Opening Remarks from the Chair**

Dr Ken Baker, *Chief Executive*, National Disability Services

9.10 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Disability Convention Reforms and their Impact on Australia**

Graeme Innes AM, *The Disability Discrimination Commissioner & Human Rights Commissioner*

9.50 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Putting People with Disability at the Core of the Support System – The Case for a Disability Inclusion Allowance**

The implementation of a National Disability Care and Support Scheme is one part of the picture. Whilst surety of funding for disability supports is crucial the other perhaps more important part is what those supports look like. The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations has developed a proposal for a Disability Inclusion Allowance. The DIA puts people with disabilities back in control of their lives through an allowance that goes directly to the individual or their nominated representative. It is a simple solution which will enable the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Lesley Hall, *CEO*, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations

10.30 **The Possibilities and Practicalities of Fully Funded Disability Support: Is this a Pipe Dream?**

- The beginning of a no-fault approach:
The Woodhouse Report
- From Woodhouse to no-fault insurance in New Zealand and Australia: An integrated system or a patchwork of responses
- Managing no fault insurance for people with accident acquired disability and developmental disability: Service, financial and risk lessons for the disability sector
- Fully funded disability support: Is this possible?

Dr Maree Dyson, *Principal Consultant on the Management of Serious Injury*, Dyson Consulting

11.10 Morning Tea

11:35 **Insurance Perspective: A National Disability Scheme**

- The structure of accident compensation in Australia and New Zealand
- Differences to the current provision of disability services
- Similarities to the proposed National Disability Scheme
- Lessons-Benefit design, relationships with service providers, funding governance

Chris Latham, *Actuary*, PricewaterhouseCoopers

12.15 **The Importance of Uniting – Carers, Disability Rights Movement and Services for the Future of Disability in Australia**

- A brief overview of the politics of disability rights
- Key contemporary issues and opportunities
- Campaigning for major structural reform
- Building and sustaining alliances for disability rights

Dr Rhonda Galbally AO, *Chair*, National People with Disabilities & Carer Council, *CEO*, Our Community & *Director*, Rhonda Galbally Associates

1.05 Lunch

2.05 **The Impact of Caring on Relationships**

- Examining the demographics of carers across Australia
- Exploring the carers' health and wellbeing
- Understanding the components of effective carer support

Joan Hughes, *Chief Executive Officer*, Carers Australia

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PART TWO

2.45 **CASE STUDY:**



Disability Services Reform in Tasmania

Aileen Ashford, *Director, Reform Implementation Unit*, Department of Health & Human Services Tasmania

3.25 Afternoon Tea

3.50 **Reforming Disability Support in Victoria**

- Outlining the move to self-directed support
 - New approaches to protecting the rights of people with a disability
 - A new quality framework for Victoria's Disability Support Services
 - Making a difference with a focus on outcomes
- Arthur Rogers, *Executive Director, Disability Services Division*, Department of Human Services Victoria

4.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION:**



What Does a National Social Insurance Model Mean for People with a Disability?

- What are the elements that need to be safeguarded?
- What are the opportunities that a national disability insurance model presents?

Facilitator: Dr Ken Baker, *Chief Executive*, National Disability Services

Karen Lloyd AM, *Executive Officer*, Deaf Australia Inc.

Sue Egan, *Executive Officer*, Physical Disability Australia Ltd

Renee Williamson, *National Manager Advocacy*, Vision Australia

5.10 Closing Remarks from the Chair and End of Conference

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