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DISABILITY REFORM MUST OCCUR: MS AUSTRALIA

MS Australia has used today's actions at Parliament House to renew a call to the Federal Government to ensure the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) becomes a reality for the 20,000 Australians living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

The 'Every Australian Counts' campaign will today call on politicians from all sides of the chambers to recommit themselves to a National Disability Insurance Scheme by proudly displaying special 'Count on me' badges.

MS Australia's Manager of Policy and Community Partnerships, Alan Blackwood, said the NDIS would be the most significant reform for people with disabilities in generations.

"Generations of people with disabilities and their families have spent lifetimes negotiating their way through the minefield of governments to fight basic rights like care and equipment," Mr Blackwood said.

"A national disability insurance scheme will mean they will finally get the chance to get the support they need over their lifetime – something all Australians deserve."

“We applaud the Government’s vision and courage in announcing the foundation work for the establishment of such a scheme, including the recent appointment of the NDIS Advisory Group.

“Now it’s time to get to work – to start determining what shape the NDIS will take. We’re calling on the States and Territories to play a vital part in this progress to ensure that all people with disabilities across the country have the chance to benefit from this reform.

“We’ll be working with all levels of Government and will continue to be part of the campaign to ensure this once in a lifetime idea becomes a reality,” Mr Blackwood said.

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