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FORMER MINISTER TO HEAD DISABILITY CAMPAIGN

The National Disability and Carer Alliance is delighted to announce John Della Bosca will spearhead the campaign for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

After a stellar career in the New South Wales Parliament, Mr Della Bosca has decided to resign and has accepted the role of National Campaign Director for the NDIS campaign.

Mr Della Bosca brings to the role more than 12 years experience in the New South Wales Parliament including periods as Assistant Treasurer, Special Minister of State, Minister for Health, Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Workcover and Industrial Relations, as well as Minister for Disability, Ageing and Home Care. Mr Della Bosca was also Leader and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

He was instrumental in the development and introduction of the New South Wales Lifetime Care Authority, which provides treatment, rehabilitation and care to individuals injured in motor vehicle accidents.

Mr Della Bosca was also responsible for the development and implementation of Stronger Together, a program of reforms designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability, their families and carers in New South Wales.

“We are absolutely delighted that someone with John’s experience as well as commitment and passion for reform has agreed to spearhead our efforts,” said Dr Ken Baker, spokesperson for the National Disability and Carer Alliance.

“As a former Minister for Disability, John is well aware of the crisis confronting people with a disability, their families and carers in this country,” he said.

“For too long Australians with a disability have been reliant on limited services or charitable handouts. They have not received the support they require to be full, active contributing members of the community.

“John understands that the National Disability Insurance Scheme represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to change the lives of Australians with a disability, their families and carers. That is why he has decided to throw his considerable skills into ensuring it becomes a reality,” said Dr Baker.

Dr Baker said that Mr Della Bosca was well regarded by both sides of politics and would work hard to ensure the scheme had broad based support.

The National Disability and Carer Alliance was formed last year by National Disability Services, Carers Australia and the National Federation of Disability Organisations to pursue the structural and systemic changes necessary to improve the lives of people with a disability, their families and carers in this country. The Alliance is united in their strong support for a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

For more information about the campaign or about the Alliance please contact Dr Ken Baker on 0409 606 240 or Kirsten Deane, Executive Director on 0409 565 925.