


Service system reform - NDIS and people with mental health issues



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Discussion Paper

Queensland's human services system post NDIS – planning ahead to maximise the benefits for people with mental illness

The Commission convened a roundtable on Tuesday 15 September 2015 to explore implementation plans for the NDIS in Queensland. The Commission had been approached by a number of stakeholders to facilitate a greater focus on future plans and how they might impact on people with a psychosocial disability.

The aim was to identify a way forward so that people in Queensland get the best possible outcomes from NDIS and support is maintained for people with mental health issues who do not qualify for NDIS.

Discussion focussed on the need to develop a vision for a future service system once NDIS is implemented. Around 25 invited participants attended including Frank Quinlan, Mental Health Australia, David Meldrum, Mental Illness Fellowship Australia, Eddie Bartnik, National Disability Insurance Agency and John Allan, Department of Health, Queensland Government. Discussion was built on a Discussion Paper (above) prepared by the Commission.

Outcomes of the meeting are being finalised however it was agreed that an ongoing advisory mechanism is required in Queensland to support on-going engagement, consultation and planning for change across service systems that support people with mental health issues in Queensland.

The Queensland Alliance for Mental Health has undertaken to re-convene members of the group to progress plans to tackle this issue.

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