

**INQUIRY INTO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL
DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND THE PROVISION
OF DISABILITY SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The NDIS received my application for my daughter on the 2nd January 2018. She was then approved for NDIS on the 21st March 2018. She has still NOT received a call to make the first plan that would enable funding. When I call the NDIS they are unable to give many any time frame as to when this may happen. And do say that the time we have already waited is not unusual. When I realised that the NDIS was not going to provide funding at any time soon, I was able to secure funding for 5 speech therapy sessions and then had to apply for more funding by requesting a health plan through her GP. This allowed for four more sessions, but not with the original provider. Now she has seen two different therapists in three months which is not conducive to good value for money or good outcomes for my daughters speech. If she is not given funding from NDIS in the next two months it will be a set back to her speech as she will not be receiving any therapies. I feel if an applicant is diagnosed with a disability that is approved by NDIS they should AUTOMATICALLY be eligible to access funding for necessary therapies and assistance that are agreed with by either their GP, Paediatrician or Psychologist. Thank you for you time to take into consideration this submission.