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NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR DISABILITY SUPPORT SECTOR

The Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams today announced organisations working in the disability support sector in Castle Hill are being urged to consider applying for new Business Acceleration grants being offered by the NSW Government.

Mr Williams said the government's new \$19 million *Disability Sector Scale-Up* (DSSU) program will help NSW businesses prepare for and make the most of the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

"The NDIS has the potential to double the size of the disability support sector in NSW from around \$3.4 billion to \$6.8 billion over the next two years," Mr Williams said.

"This creates huge and exciting opportunities for businesses and other organisations working in Castle Hill's disability sector to scale-up and expand their offering.

"NSW is offering Business Acceleration grants up to a maximum of \$2 million to assist businesses scale-up and bring innovative and effective solutions to our disability support sector in time for the rollout of the NDIS.

"Ultimately the end result will be improved choice and access to high quality services for people with a disability.

"Applications for the first of tranches of small, medium and large Business Acceleration grants are now open, and businesses, non-government organisations, peak bodies and consortiums are all able to apply through www.tenders.nsw.gov.au

"This includes organisations already operating under the NDIS as well as others in adjacent sectors that want to expand into the disability support service market," he said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Small Business and Skills John Barilaro said the *Disability Sector Scale-Up* is a component of the NSW Government's \$100 million Smart, Skilled & Hired initiative.

"On top of the Business Acceleration Grants, the *Disability Sector Scale-Up* will provide low cost advisory services for small businesses through [Business Connect](#) to help them service the NDIS," Mr Barilaro said.

"In NSW the NDIS will provide support for up to 140,000 people and the NSW Government, through the DSSU program, is making sure we take full advantage of the Scheme."

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