

Media Statement

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Protecting the rights of Victorians with disability

“Strengthened oversight powers for my office will help to protect the rights of Victorians with disability during the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme,” says Mr Laurie Harkin AM, Disability Services Commissioner.

“The Government’s commitment in the *Victorian Budget 2017/18* to enhancing our role to include an annual review of deaths in disability services, own motion investigation powers, additional training for the sector, and an increased oversight of mandatory incident reporting, will bring added protections for vulnerable Victorians with disability.”

“We look forward to working with disability service providers to promote best practice delivery of disability services that focus on the rights of the individual with disability.”

“I encourage all Victorians with disability, their families and friends, and service providers, to continue to contact my office if they have concerns or complaints about a Victorian disability service.”

The Disability Services Commissioner (DSC) is an independent body established in 2007, responsible for handling complaints about Victorian disability services. For more information about DSC, visit our website at www.odsc.vic.gov.au.

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