



**Ray Williams MP**  
Minister for Disability Services  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NSW WELCOMES INAUGURAL QUALITY AND SAFEGUARDS COMMISSIONER**

Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams welcomed the appointment of Mr Graeme Head as the inaugural Commissioner to lead the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission in Western Sydney.

“The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is integral to the success of the NDIS. It will oversee the delivery of quality services for all participants in the NDIS and provide an important safeguarding mechanism,” Mr Williams said.

“It builds on what we are already doing in NSW and will enhance future supports and protections. In NSW, we have strengthened the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*, including tightening employment screening for disability service staff and establishing the NSW Ombudsman’s Disability Reportable Incidents Scheme.”

During NDIS transition, the existing NSW quality assurance and safeguarding arrangements will continue to operate until the new Commission begins in July 2018.

Mr Williams welcomed the Commission being based in Western Sydney and the creation of up to 150 jobs at the headquarters.

“We have passed many important milestones this year in NSW, as the NDIS is delivered on time and on budget, with more to come next year as we approach full Scheme in July 2018,” Mr Williams said.

Mr Head has a long and impressive career in the public service in both the Commonwealth and NSW, most recently as NSW Public Service Commissioner since 2011.

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