28 February 2020

**Communiqué**

The first meeting of the Disability Council NSW for 2020 was held at NSW Parliament House on Friday, 28 February 2020.

The Council invited Greg Davies from Insight Partnership to facilitate the meeting and planning for 2020. Members agreed that 2020 is going to be a very important year, with the review of the Disability Inclusion Act as well as the development of the next National Disability Strategy taking place in the coming months.

With many reforms and projects within the disability sector, the Council will be providing advice to the Minister and continuing to promote the inclusion of people with disability in the community, along with promoting awareness of matters concerning the interest of people with disability and their families.

The Council agreed to focus on the following key priorities for 2020:

* To promote opportunities for improving pathways and retain employment for people with disability
* To understand the intersection between the NDIS service system and mainstream NSW Government services and any potential gaps that arise – specifically the links between health services and the NDIS, and education services and the NDIS
* To build relationships and exert influence on national activities. Particular focus on building a national voice with equivalent Councils in other States and the Commonwealth.

In the latter part of the day, the Council took some time to discuss its Communications Strategy and the implementation plan for 2020.

The Council will next meet on 3 April 2020.

**Mark Tonga**

**Chair, Disability Council NSW**