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The Liberals have strongly supported the move towards a national disability model from day one.

But in reality, the full National Disability Insurance Scheme, DisabilityCare, is still many years away, with full roll-out not until 2019.

Without additional funding to disability services, people on waiting lists who fall outside first stage (for the 15-24 age group), will be stuck on waiting lists to get support and services.

That's why a majority Liberal Government will commit to an additional \$2 million, or \$500,000 per year over four years, to deliver vital support to people living with a disability.

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With no significant funding for individual disability support for the last two budgets by the Labor-Green Government, waiting lists are now at historically high levels.

The long wait for support is now seriously impacting on people with a disability and their families and carers, many of whom are reaching breaking point.

Individual support is critical for the provision of day-to-day service for people with a disability, providing more choice, a better quality of life, and allowing respite for families and carers.

Under our Plan for a Brighter Future, the Liberals have also committed across the Forward Estimates to the first stage of DisabilityCare Australia, as well as the transition to the implementation of the full national scheme.