Queensland Transition to NDIS for Mental Health

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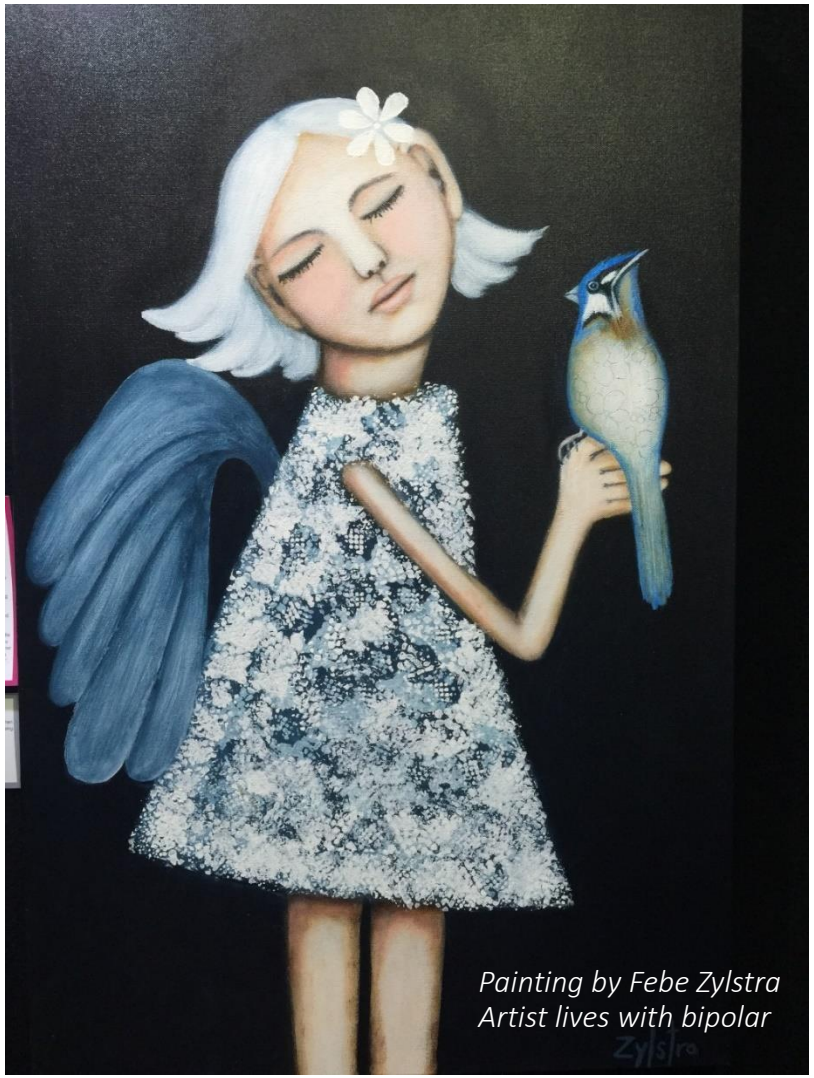

Painting by Febe Zylstra
Artist lives with bipolar

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Peak body
Community managed MH organisations
110+ member

Nationally – around 800 not-for-profits

* Providing support in the Community
* Providing prevention, early intervention, rehabilitation programs & psychosocial support that supports recover from a mental health condition.
* Care in the community is good for the people and cost effective for government

Rapidly changing environment

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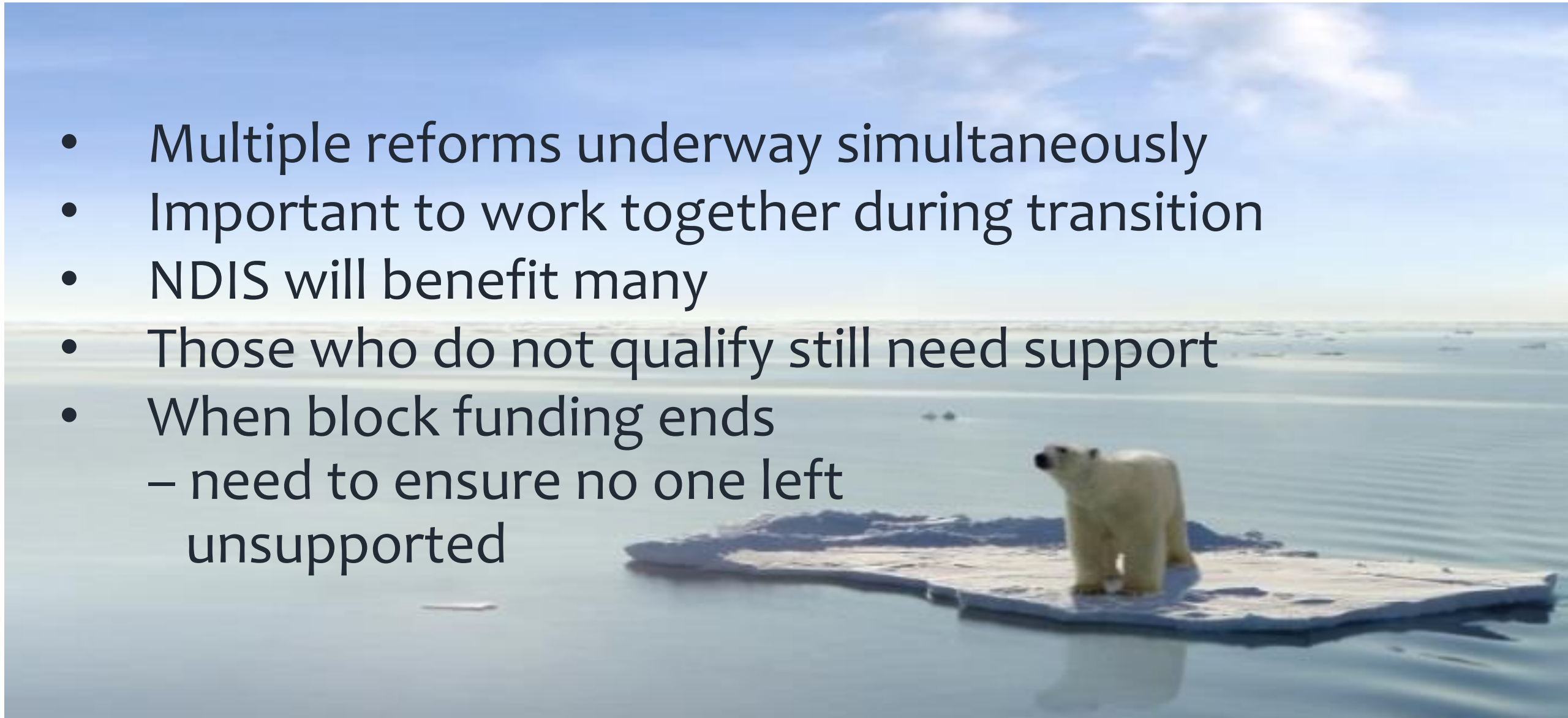
- Multiple reforms underway simultaneously
- Important to work together during transition
- NDIS will benefit many
- Those who do not qualify still need support
- When block funding ends
  – need to ensure no one left unsupported



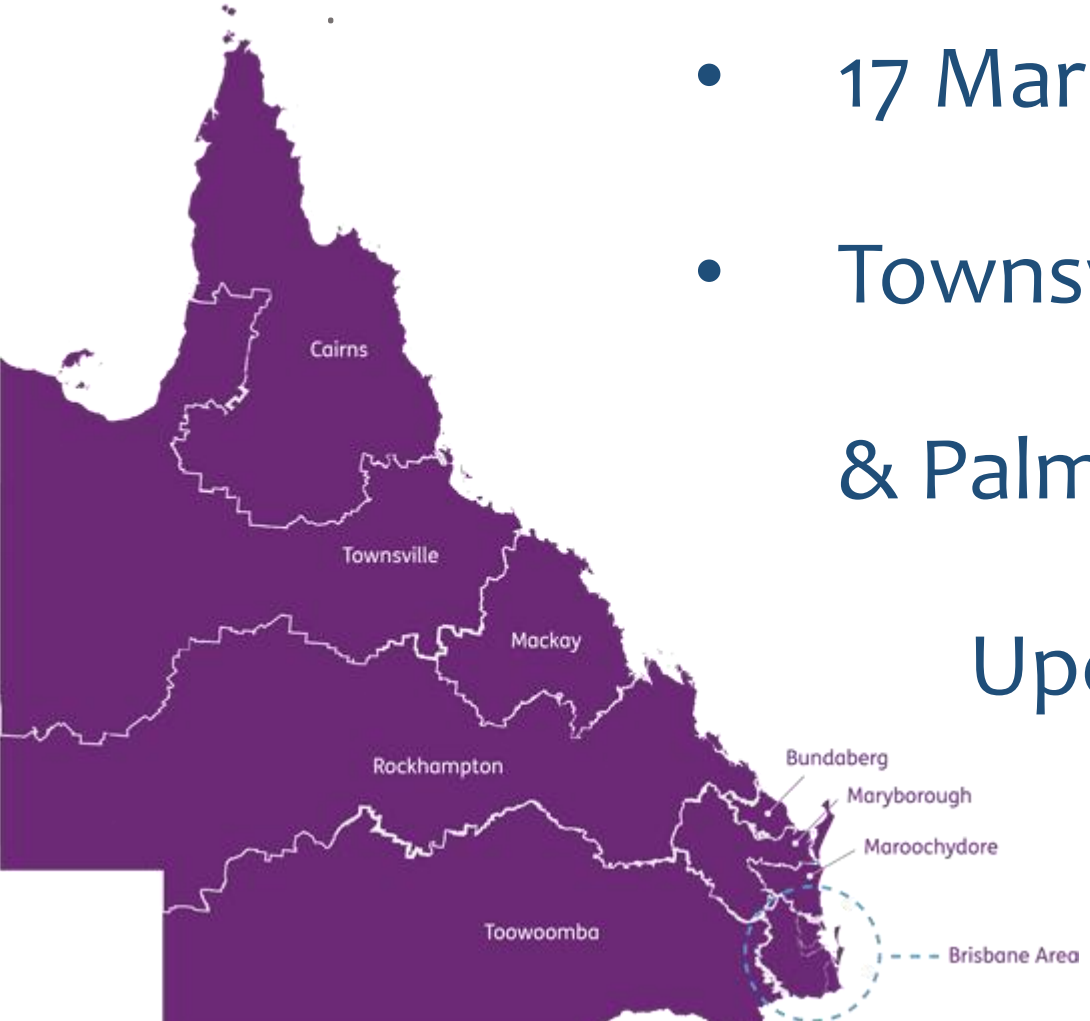
How are we working together?

Groups established to support sector:

1) Qld Transition to NDIS for MH Strategic Forum (QTN Forum)
2) Qld Transition Advisory Group (Disabilities)
3) Workforce Strategic Advisory Group

Roles include: raise & share issues, identify workable solutions, identify problems early, find culturally appropriate ways to support people.

Queensland update



- 17 March Bilateral Agreement signed
- Townsville & Charter Towers <18 year olds

  & Palm Island – up to 65 year olds

  Update from the early Launch

Townsville, Charters Towers & Palm Island

Update on Transition

- Townsville & Charters Towers - very few children with MH issues
- Palm Island – very remote
- Late in appointing NDIA staff
- Language issues
- Existing providers trying to assist but seen as enemy
- No transport on Palm – need support
- Transition period not achievable
- Need time to stop – reflect – plan = realistic transition period

What is keeping us awake at night?

* Continuity of Support – those not eligible for NIDS
* Unintended gaps in service
* Hidden people
* Sufficient places?
* Survival of service providers
* PHNs – one stop shop?
* Inadequate Pricing
* Workforce Implications…

SUMMARY

* Need to work together through the transition
* Before funding is removed ensure services are replaced.
* Service providers need to survive the storm of change
* NDIS designed for disabilities not psychosocial disabilities

Stay Informed

MH Updates

http://qldalliance.org.au/contact-us/non-member-updatesevents-newsletter-sign-up-page/

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NDIS

http://qldalliance.org.au/ndis/

QTN Forum

http://qldalliance.org.au/queensland-transition-to-ndis-for-mental-health-strategic-forum/

MENTAL WELLNESS MATTERS

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Thank You

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