



## Concerns about privatisation of disability services under NDIS

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**There are concerns more than 300 jobs in the western region could be at risk as part of the privatisation of disability care services.**

MAP: Bathurst 2795



The Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care will close in 2018 when services are moved to the private sector under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Public Service Association says the department's regional office in Bathurst and surrounding services provide a critical role in the region.

The spokesman Steve Turner said he did not believe non-government organisations would have the same capacity.

"There's not only the Bathurst regional office but there's group homes looking after people there's the occupational therapy, there's the therapists who come and help people, there's many people working in many services looking after all those areas," Mr Turner said.

"That's what's got to be replicated and we don't think it can be."

"NDIS was about increasing services to people with disabilities, about increasing funding to people with disability and increasing their choice in services and that's our very point, closing down a provider that provides 40 per cent of those services breaks all of those targets."

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