

The 16th annual Oswald Barnett Oration



Reforming Disability Policy: From Charity and Welfare to Social Insurance and Investment

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Chairman Yooralla and
President
Philanthropy Australia**

Mr Bruce Bonyhady is Chairman of Yooralla, President of Philanthropy Australia and a former Director of Housing Choices Australia.

Mr Bonyhady has a background in funds management and economics and is one of the architects of a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

In April 2008 he co-authored a submission to the 2020 Summit, which was identified as one of the Summit's 'big ideas' and was a member of the Disability Investment Group in 2008 and 2009. He is now a member of the Independent Panel advising the Productivity Commission Inquiry into a Disability Care and Support Scheme.

- While the Dickensian institutions in which people with disabilities were housed have largely been closed, support for many people with disabilities remains inadequate and deeply inequitable. No longer "shut in", too many are "shut out" from an ordinary life.
- The major public policy reforms of the last 30 years have largely bypassed the disability sector and the current welfare and charity model that underpins support for people with disabilities, their families and carers is in crisis.
- There are strong parallels between Oswald Barnett's successful quest for housing justice and the current proposal to establish a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- A NDIS, like Barnett's social housing model, Medicare and compulsory superannuation would be a transformational reform. It would create a more civil and inclusive society and give peace of mind to all Australians, because disability can affect anyone at any time.

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5.30pm for a 6.00pm start

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