

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Experienced sector leader appointed to head Nulsen Disability Services**

PeopleKind Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Justin O'Meara Smith as Chief Executive Officer of Nulsen Disability Services, commencing in July 2026.

The appointment marks an important milestone for one of Western Australia's leading Supported Independent Living providers, as Nulsen continues its strong focus on values-led leadership and high-quality service delivery.

Nulsen has a proud heritage spanning more than 70 years of supporting people with disability to live meaningful, connected lives. The organisation is a part of PeopleKind Group, a for purpose parent company to organisations that deliver a diverse range of services including disability services, allied health, housing, justice, child protection, and reintegration.

Mr O'Meara Smith is a highly regarded sector leader and is currently Chief Executive Officer of Interchange, where he has led the organisation through growth and the successful acquisition and integration of Diversity South. He has also played a leading advocacy role for people with disability and the sector through his positions as Chair of NDS WA and a national member of National Disability Services. He brings more than 20 years of experience across disability and community services, along with a strong commitment to advocacy and improving outcomes for people with disability.

Nulsen Board Chair Bernadette Celliers said the Nulsen Board was delighted to appoint a leader of Mr O'Meara Smith's calibre.

"Justin is widely respected for his integrity, thoughtful decision-making and unwavering focus on quality outcomes for people with disability," Ms Celliers said.

"The Nulsen Board look forward to working alongside him to continue strengthening Nulsen's impact and ensuring the organisation remains responsive to the evolving needs of the community."

Mark Fitzpatrick, Group CEO of PeopleKind Group, said Mr O'Meara Smith's appointment reflects a strong alignment of values and leadership capability.

"Justin brings a deep commitment to person-centred service delivery, along with a proven track record of leading organisations with integrity and care," Mr Fitzpatrick said.

“His values align strongly with Nulsen’s culture and heritage, and we look forward to him leading the organisation with those values at the centre of decision-making.”

Mr O’Meara Smith said it was an incredible honour and privilege to be appointed Chief Executive Officer of Nulsen.

“Nulsen is an organisation I have long held in high regard, and I feel deeply privileged to be appointed. I recognise the responsibility that comes with being custodian of its purpose, its people, and its rich heritage.”

“I look forward to working alongside all employees across the organisation, valuing their experience and contributions, as we build on Nulsen’s strong foundation in its next chapter,” Mr O’Meara Smith said.

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