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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Life Without Barriers Announces Merger with DUO Services**

Life Without Barriers is pleased to announce a merger with Canberra based DUO Services Australia (DUO) on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

DUO is one of the ACT's leading not-for-profit community service providers committed to making a difference in people's lives particularly people with a disability and older people. Similarly, Life Without Barriers is an Australian social purpose, not-for-profit organisation committed to partnering with people to change lives for the better and empowering them to be part of their local community. With corresponding values the two organisations are well positioned for a stronger future.

"DUO has an excellent record of successfully delivering local services within the ACT. The merger with Life Without Barriers will enable the strengths, expertise and knowledge of both organisations to build a solid foundation for future growth and staff development," said Cheryl Pollard, DUO Chief Executive.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for two likeminded organisations in the not-for-profit, social services sector to work together to provide the vital community services and supports that enable people to live their life for the better. By merging, DUO can continue to deliver their services to local ACT communities, but with the added resilience and innovation that comes from being part of a national organisation," said Claire Robbs, LWB Chief Executive.

Leading up to the merger, DUO staff, customers and their families will be provided with updated information and the opportunity to engage with Cheryl Pollard and Claire Robbs during a series of meetings in June and July. Further information is available from the DUO customer relations team on **(02) 6287 2870** (then select Option 4).

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**About DUO Services:** DUO has a long history of supporting people in the ACT who need assistance with daily living. This is an important service that helps people to be more independent at home and within their local community.

**About Life Without Barriers:** Life Without Barriers (LWB) is one of Australia's largest leading social purpose, not-for-profit organisations, working in more than 300 communities across all states and territories. Its main areas of operation includes support to children, young people and families, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees and asylum seekers, people with disability, older people, and people who are vulnerable to social exclusion.

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In the spirit of Reconciliation, Life Without Barriers acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country, and their connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to them, their cultures and customs, and to Elders both past and present.