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"WELCOME TO DISABILITY SPEAKS!"

Disability Speaks was created in April 2009. Its purpose is to advocate and campaign for better support for all South Australians living with a disability and provide information regarding community forums and events.

Disability Speaks has been created to build upon the foundations achieved by Dignity for Disabled, which together with your support, helped to bring to the attention of the State Government and the broader community, the major unmet support needs for people with a disability within our State.

We are a not-for-profit, bi-partisan, self-funded group which has been established with the following aims:

- To ensure a voice to people with disability in policy and service development and delivery;
- To ensure that voice is consumer driven;
- To ensure that consumer choice is fundamental to all policy and service options;
- To ensure equitable representation across the disability sector in policy and service development, and
- To ensure that important information is widely circulated within the disability community.

As a previous recipient of information distributed by Dignity for Disabled you have automatically been combined with the Disability Speaks email distribution list. Our aim is to have in excess of 10,000 online supporters by year end. To support this aim, disability organisations will be invited to assist Disability Speaks to distribute information regarding major events.

It is envisaged that this program will be perpetual and provide key disability related information to stakeholders for years to come.

Disability Speaks supports the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

We trust you will enjoy receiving and reading Disability Speaks information, and will support our events and functions. We would also appreciate if you would forward Disability Speaks on to your contacts, databases, friends, clients and supporters. Disability Speaks has no affiliation with any political party.

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