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# **"The Election is Hotting Up?"**

**And we are going automated!**

**The next meeting of the Disability Speaks steering committee will be held at the Disability Information Resource Centre (DIRC) on Thursday 4th March at 12.30pm.**

**With the SA election campaign now in full swing we need to ensure we provide a balanced update of the promises of all major political parties and any public events between the meeting and the election.**

**All are welcome to attend!**

**We hope by this date to have the ALP Official 2010 Election Policy.**

**We will also have by then the transcripts of the presentations made and the answers too the 8 key questions asked of our political leaders at the public meeting last week.**

**These will no doubt be closely scrutinized by the broad disability community.**

**The Liberal Policies while polished and rhetorically strong may or may not be the best offer on the table in the lead up to the election.**

**With the major thrust of the public campaign in the media having moved very firmly onto a platform of "who can you trust", the disability sector will no doubt be looking for the same outcome!**

**Too often in the past the major parties have promised the world and delivered little. Disability guarantees have been worthless.**

**Disability Speaks is committed to ensuring our disability parliamentary leaders will be held accountable in both the short and long term in 2010.**

**While working towards the important state election outcome Disability Speaks is also focused on the long term.**

**We attach for you information on the highly credentialed "Loop" program run annually by Julia Farr Disability Speaks strongly recommends this program but bookings are essential.**

**We are also delighted to announce that the Disability Speaks online communication program is going fully automated.**

**Plus, many thanks to Salefest ([www.salefest.com.au](http://www.salefest.com.au)) for their support.**

**They are a clever specialist company who are experts in online marketing and their support is appreciated**

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**Undoubtedly after the SA election much attention will turn to the National Disability Insurance scheme and the forthcoming Federal election.**

**Disability Speaks is planning on playing a leadership role in this process.**

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