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## **"GILLARD MUST SPEAK"**

### **On Disability crisis support and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)!**

The Federal Election on August 21st may just well be the most important one ever for people with a Disability.

With support for NDIS growing many will be waiting to see whether Gillard speaks with the same conviction or passion as her predecessor did.

Admire or despise for his political legacy Kevin Rudd there is no doubt he (and his wife Therese) promoted disability related issues with a genuine passion and understanding.

With a growing 2-4% of the primary vote sympathetic to disability issues the election of Kelly Vincent MLC d4d to the SA Parliament confirms this lobby is increasing in political expertise and strength.

Tony Abbott spoke with conviction and passion in SA on May 7th when he confirmed Liberal support by saying

"The Coalition appreciates that people with disabilities get a raw deal. The Government has commissioned a Productivity Commission inquiry into how we can deliver better and more effective services to people with disabilities. The Opposition strongly supports this inquiry and should we come into government at the end of the year we would very much look forward to getting the recommendations of the Productivity Commission and I give people this assurance, that we would treat any Productivity Commission recommendations in this area much more seriously than the Government has treated the recommendations of the Henry Review. "

We will wait to see with much interest what disability emergency crisis management funding the Liberal Party will commit to long suffering people with disability while the Productivity Commission inquiry runs its course? Support is essential now! National Disability Services (NDS) released a media announcement this week that both the Greens and the Nationals were indicating support for NDIS

Julia Gillard must get on the record on both short and long term resolution the disability sector so desperately needs.

Bill Shorten, Federal parliamentary Secretary (ALP) has done a remarkable job highlighting the despair and possible solutions that the disability sector faces. Many will already be

feeling strongly disposed to an ALP victory based on Mr Shortens passion and work. Bill may care to remind Julia that we are unaware of any parents killing their children because the wait is too long for a tonsillectomy or because their new school desk lacks a shiny veneer, yet the reality is that no less than 10-12 children with disabilities have been allegedly killed by their desperate parents in Australia in the last 5 years.

Who really wants to be Prime Minister with that on your CV so let's hear what both Tony and Julia are going to do about it? If there is any doubt about how the crisis is escalating the attached add which will appear in the Adelaide Advertiser this week bluntly reflects the reality. Let's hope if nothing else that both Tony and Julia demand that the states meet their current responsibilities.

**REMEMBER YOUR DISABILITY ALIGNED VOTE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!!!**

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