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My disability vote?

Have your say!

Who are you planning on voting for and why?

On Thursday August 19th two days before the election Disability Speaks will be publishing a pre election consumer summary

We think there are serious votes in disability, somewhere between 200,000-400,000 nationally on "D3 Day" (D3 for Disability, Dignity or Disaster?)

As part of this release we are intending to publish extracts of your words a summary of constituents thoughts e.g. basically which party is going to get your disability aligned vote and why?

We expect significant response so be quick and in no more than 40 words nominate the party you favour and why!

Disability Speaks will compile a balanced, equitable summary based on respondent no's preferences andreasons why?

Confidentiality for respondents is assured!

It is very disappointing that with just 10 days to go the National Liberal Party has yet to release a disability policy that provides any additional disability service support. While the Liberal/ Pyne Disability Education policy was very good the lack of substantial new disability policy and funding indicatives by the Libs are being perceived with suspicion in the national disability community.

Is Mr Abbott serious?

If Mr Abbott needs guidance he could urgently Google the Australian Democrats policy which is very good, plagiarise it, add plenty of funding and provide well targeted support that is desperately needed. The Democrat policy is found at

http://www.democrats.org.au/policies/Action2010/Disabled_AP.pdf

Why is it the parties who get few votes come up with the best policies?

For interest please also find attached media information from the "Carers Alliance" who are contesting seats in S.A., Victoria, NSW and Qld.

They are a party who are widely known, highly reputable, run by good people and closely involved with the "Mad as Hell" campaign

Their primary focus is disability support! This is the second Federal Election they have contested

Their website gives more details at www.carers.org.au

Submissions for Disability Speaks "How to vote Survey" please by 6.00pm Tuesday 17th August

Reminder for the "Final Word", Bill Shorten, who too many has become the "spiritual leader" of the disability sector vision will be speaking at a Public Meeting hosted by Tony Zappia (ALP Makin S.A.) Mon 16/8, 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm at the Ingle Farm Recreation Centre, info 82653100

Take this chance to ask the personal questions and find out if the ALP has any thing extra to offer to win your vote!

Thanks

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