



NDIS : Every Australian counts!



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d4d has held its first Board Meeting for 2011. Our various sub-committees, which have been very active reported to the Board. They have met on a regular basis to begin realising our goals for 2011. Focus will be to further strengthen the party by increasing our membership base and raising funds through a long list of fundraising strategies and events. Your precious support is valuable and there will be more to come during the year about these activities. Keep posted via www.d4d.org.au

Our primary focus is to support our MLC Kelly Vincent in the Parliamentary Office. This will be achieved by developing policies around Kelly designed to strengthen the d4d brand. Our d4d core belief of "human rights and dignity through choice" will form the heart of our policies. People with Disabilities and the Carers within our communities are tired of the "inadequate welfare based" funding models offered to the Disability sector. It is time that the State Government and we expect the Social Inclusion Board acknowledge that it is the right of people affected by disability to have the same opportunities as others.

We have also demanded that the soon to be released SA Social Inclusion report demands the state government urgently inject additional funding into the 2011 State Budget.

Of course the hot topic is the release of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Report by the Australian Productivity Commission. The report has raised expectations in the Disability Community. It is an exciting time!

After discussions between Kelly Vincent and national campaign NDIS coordinator, John Della Bosca, the NDIS Rally originally scheduled for March 23rd will be rescheduled, closer to the release of the Final NDIS Report under the national campaign slogan of "Every Australian Counts". The NDIS campaign office will support the new rally with its resources. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to attend community group meetings to further promote the NDIS scheme. Take time to speak to the unconverted, spread the word. Aim to tell 5 of your friends outside of the Disability Sector about the strong economic and social benefits of the NDIS. And it is important that all disability advocates and supporters work closely with NDIS to give a powerful and united voice under the "Every Australian Counts" theme.

We look forward to the ongoing support during 2011. It will be an exciting year, transformation is real and nearby!

Rick Neagle
d4d President

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