



“Last one this year”

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Best wishes to all in the disability sector after what has been a long and frustrating year.

The Federal NDIS report and the SA Strong Voices report have provided a clear path forward for the future of disability services . There are solutions for the mess that is disability support in Australia.

Regrettably other than *escalating* long winded political rhetoric nothing has changed in 2011 except disability crisis waiting lists have got longer and the amount of funding needed to fix things has ballooned

Compliments to the Federal Government for attacking the obvious rorting on disability pensions. Only 11% of recipients nationally have an Intellectual disability and the \$9.0 billion per annum being spent on this ineffective pension is desperately needed to fund NDIS. Shame on Gillard for providing nothing for crisis funding while she plays political games.

Congratulations to Mitch Fifield for his work as Shadow Disability Minister. His attached recent speech from Canberra reads differently to as reported in the press and on Disability Speaks so it is fair we correct and send it out. It does say however Bi Partisan support should not be assumed.

There is a big future for people with disability in Australia. Please enjoy the U Tube link below. May it brighten your heart at Christmas. It shows some of the great work the Intellectual Disability Association of SA has done this year. We believe the future belongs to those who deliver choice and innovative and flexible service options

<http://youtu.be/QBF0XieUauU>

We at Disability Speaks hope Father Christmas delivers Kevin Rudd the Prime Minister's *job*. He after all is the one who ignited the push for NDIS. Sorry Julia but for your all talk and no action performance on NDIS and lack of additional crisis funding you deserve to get it right where the Christmas turkey did. The Australian this week reports it's coming. Let's hope it's soon! That would be a great Christmas present for the national disability sector.

Best wishes to you and yours for a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year from all at IDASA and Disability Speaks

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