



# No Surprise in ALP Poll Jump

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The Newspoll boost widely reported in today's media will come as no surprise to those supporting a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

With some 8% of the population having some type of serious or profound disability the votes of the stakeholders and their friends, families, supporters and carers was always going to be significant.

On a shoe string budget and with disability anything but a front page issue the S.A. local political party D4D has contested two elections and received in lower house seats generally around 2% of the votes. On a two party preferred basis 2 % for one side is 2% against the other and thus a 4% swing.

Now with NDIS being a politically mainstream issue and being openly discussed by Prime Ministers, Opposition leaders and the media at large the political influence of the 1.8 million Australians who suffer from a disability cannot be ignored. Gillard has spruiked NDIS at every available opportunity. The Liberal party has been publicly divided. The recent poll cannot be ignored.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/talking-points-labor-poll-spike-sets-election-alarm-bells-ringing/story-e6frea6u-1226475475813>

There appears little doubt that support for NDIS does not flow on traditional party supporter lines. Disability crisis and support meetings attract an eclectic bunch of attendees from all sides of the community. The BMW and Mercedes Benz cars parked outside remind us that even the richest can neither avoid disability issues or pay the costs of supports. The Parents Helping Parents Information session at DIRC on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to noon will be just such an example. A real cross section of the community will be there. Please see flyer attached.

Abbott and Hockey need to sit down soon and make a plan on NDIS. Then they will need a real life guarantee (not a politicians version) when and how they will make it happen.

People with disability deserve bi-partisan support and now is the time for all parties to show it.

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