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"The Prime Minister Speaks?"

Today I announced a strong and stable funding stream for generations to come for DisabilityCare Australia, the national disability insurance scheme. We will increase the Medicare Levy by half a percentage point from 1 July 2014 – this will take the Medicare Levy from 1.5 per cent of taxable income to 2 per cent.

The key thing I need Australians to know is this: **for someone earning an average wage of around \$70,000 a year, this will be a modest contribution of around 96 cents a day.**

If you can share that one fact with every one you speak to about DisabilityCare, I know we will get this done.

Click here and share the facts about DisabilityCare – your help will make all the difference.

The infographic consists of several text elements arranged vertically. At the top, a dark red rounded rectangle contains the text 'Just 96 cents a day' in white. Below this, the text 'will help give' is centered. Then, another dark red rounded rectangle contains '410,000 Australians' in white. This is followed by the text 'with disability' and 'a better life' in a smaller, italicized font. At the bottom, a dark red rounded rectangle contains 'DisabilityCare Australia' in white. A small vertical text on the right side reads 'Copyright © 2013 Disability Speaks & Advocacy Ltd'.

So many of you tell me that DisabilityCare is exactly the kind of compassionate social policy you want Labor to fight for. So many of you tell me how proud you were to fight for Medibank in the 1970s and to fight for Medicare in the 1980s – and even in the 1990s when our opponents still pledged to abolish it if elected in 1993.

410, 000 of our fellow citizens need us to fight for them now – and every Australian deserves a safety net. That money will support a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability, their families

and carers.

That money will also protect every Australian – anyone who might acquire a disability will have a new safety net to rely on.

Raise your voice and join the fight. [Click here to spread the word.](#)

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