



# Marshall Forgets?

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Let's hope the South Australian Leader of the Opposition is watching the interview by Simon Royal on ABC Channel 2 at 7.30pm tomorrow (Friday) evening. In a touching story SA Premier Jay Weatherill will be talking with popular local self advocate for disability Shannen Mitchell about her expectations for a brighter future under NDIS.

In a personal, entertaining and engaging story Shannen will no doubt enchant viewers with her sage advice. Shannen will tug the heart strings of people who believe a fair go for people with disability is long overdue. She will also make you laugh and smile.

Mr Marshall in his budget reply speech on Tuesday did not mention disability support, NDIS or any commitment to people like Shannen. We have high expectations of Mr Marshall. On Tuesday we commented;

We believe our local Liberal opposition leader Stephen Marshall is genuinely sympathetic and we expect a very positive response when we meet with him. He is not the sort of man to shoot Bambi despite the financial zealots in the Liberal party who abhor community support program's like NDIS. At a state level the funding matrix increases are very doable from a budget approaching \$20 billion. Disability funding has been short-changed for decades and it must be catch up time. We will listen with much interest to his budget reply speech this week for clarification. We expect it to be positive.

We will be contacting Mr Marshall's office as a matter of urgency seeking a meeting with him. I am sure he will understand our angst.

We will be offering him a chance to meet with Shannen and hear her views on NDIS and we hope Mr Marshall will clarify his position and that of his party towards DisabilityCare if he is elected Premier of SA in 2014 as he hopes to be.

We will certainly be looking for a strong and positive commitment to a brighter future for people with disability like Shannen.

We will keep you posted

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