



# Disability Priority?

## 2014 SA Election Year!

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Welcome to a new year, probably the most important for disability ever?

With a SA State Election due in March the discussion around the key priority and needs of the SA Disability sector will be intense. Disability Speaks has been in correspondence with the Premiers office and is hopeful a Disability Public Meeting will be held prior to the election where both major parties can address the underlying concerns that the sector has.

Disability Speaks in conjunction with the office of The Hon Kelly Vincent MLC and the D4D team has already flagged both in private discussions and publicly some of our joint concerns. We seek clarity and guarantees that whoever is in power post March in SA will

- 100% promise for SA to fully fund National Disability Insurance to 2019 (eg progressively increase funding to \$723mill pa)
- Assume a role so that Disability SA stops being service providers & become disability service quality control/audit managers.
- Clear all Category 1 and 2 Disability crisis waiting lists within three years (noting Strong Voices demanded within 12 months in 2012).
- Institute mandatory reporting on abuse of people with Intellectual Disability in care.
- Implement an audit program for access to facilities and transport for people with Physical with Disability and report annually to Parliament.
- Adopt recommendation 24 of The Strong Voices Report for new & innovative client managed Disability service projects.
- Build immediately as recommended by Public Advocate, Dr John Brayley, a new specialist forensic disability support facility.
- Establish & adequately fund a fully representative, consumer driven SA Disability Council with balanced representation of people with disabilities, families and carers.

When a meeting schedule is confirmed we will advise by separate release.

In the meantime we seek any other suggestions for questions that may be tabled at the public meeting. Please email your questions to [disabilityspeaks@internode.on.net](mailto:disabilityspeaks@internode.on.net) as soon as possible.

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