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The scene is set for the **"My Hopes, My Dreams"** Disability Public Meeting brought to you by the **Intellectual Disability Association of SA (IDASA)**, to be the most important day in the history of disability services in SA ever.

The immediate acceptance to speak by Steven Marshall, Leader of the Opposition (Lib), shows how seriously our political leaders are taking disability in the run up to the March SA State Election. It also shows, we believe, that both leaders have a genuine interest in the disability sector and realise that disability is a big political and social issue that cannot be ignored.

With Kelly Vincent MLC (D4d) also attending, the stage is set for a clear picture to emerge of the path forward particularly around the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

For both the Premier and the Opposition Leader to attend such a public debate in a key election period is special.

That this debate will be about disability shows that the priority we have worked so hard for, to seek a resolution to the disability crisis, is registering with the people who are empowered to drive the solutions, allocate the resources and steer the sector to better outcomes.

Since 2004, D4D, IDASA and Disability Speaks have been uncompromising in demanding adequate resources, choice in services and equitable sector representation. We hope on this day we will take a step closer to

**“My Hopes, My Dreams”
ADELAIDE TOWN HALL
Thursday, February 27th
12.00 Noon - 2.00 pm**

Attached is the copy of the Disability Speaks advertisement from the Adelaide Advertiser on December 3rd, the “International Day for People with Disability”.

We would hope many of these concerns raised will be addressed by our political leaders.

Please circulate this information and advice of this very special event to people with disability , families, carers , clients, staff, networks and mailing lists.

If you have a question you would like to be considered for presentation please email “Disability Speaks” at disabilityspeaks@internode.on.net by Friday 21st February.

Regrettably not all questions will be possible in the time available.

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