

THE DISABILITY ALLIANCE

Who are we?

The Disability Alliance represents a broad network of Queenslanders concerned about the ongoing neglect and social exclusion of Queenslanders with disabilities.

The Disability Alliance is not affiliated with any political party or level of government. The Campaign is not a structural entity, as such, and seeks to represent the broader sector in its pursuit of Government action (at State, Commonwealth and Local levels) in addressing neglect and social exclusion faced by people with a disability and families living with disability in Queensland (and Australia).

History of the Disability Alliance

The Disability Alliance grew out of the Unmet Needs Campaign, a successful grassroots campaign which sought government action to address the unmet needs for support faced by people with a disability and families living with disability in Queensland and Australia.

In 2007 the Disability Alliance ran a campaign in the lead up to the federal election calling for a 20% increase in Commonwealth funding and a commitment to full annual indexation. Campaign strategies included a full page advertisement appearing in The Australian newspaper on 12 November 2007, media releases, media interviews, and campaigning at the launch of the Coalition and Opposition election campaigns in Brisbane. The key messages for the Federal election campaign included: National leadership, funding for individuals and families, income support, workforce development for the disability sector, advocacy, human rights and social participation.

In 2008 the Disability Alliance commenced planning for the State election campaign. Campaign strategies to date include: an introduction letter to all State Members of Parliament (to view a copy of this letter please visit www.disabilityalliance.org.au), more than 600 Christmas cards mailed by people with disability, their families and carers, to their State Member of Parliament with a wish list for Christmas 2009. A second Christmas card was sent to each State Member of Parliament with the message "Seasons Greetings from the Disability Alliance representing 23% of people with a disability in your electorate".

More recently, the Disability Alliance has been busy rallying support from organisations and individuals throughout Queensland, organising a campaign launch in the lead up to the Queensland election, producing a campaign kit to assist you to make a difference and producing a series of 'You Tube' video clips to raise community awareness of the issues affecting people with disability living in Queensland.

Position Statement

The purpose of the Disability Alliance campaign in the coming State election is to position Disability as a mainstream issue for political parties and the wider community within the Queensland electorate, and seek political support for three early intervention outcomes targeting Personal Care Support, Equipment and Aids, and Health issues, all of which will make a huge difference in the lives of Queenslanders with a disability.

Become a supporter of the Disability Alliance

We need your support to make a difference to the upcoming state election. By joining our mailing list as a supporter (visit www.disabilityalliance.org.au and click on join mailing list on the homepage) you will be demonstrating your support and keeping up to date with the latest disability alliance news, media releases, video stories, newsletters and much more.

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