

## **Disability Alliance Key Message**

### **Personal Care**

The thousands of people in Queensland with a disability to be fully supported to live the same life as any other Queenslanders by receiving appropriate funding to access contemporary individualised flexible supports.

### **Aids and Equipment**

Appropriate aids and equipment be provided to all people with a disability in an equitable and timely manner to meet their ongoing needs.

### **Queensland Hospitals and Community Health Care**

Reform of Queensland Health practices and facilities to ensure that people with a disability are provided with appropriate medical intervention and support to meet their health needs.

### **Why Government and the Community has to respond**

**The Australian Government signed the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability on the 3 April 2008 therefore it has an obligation to:**

1. Address the issue of the thousands of people with disability who live constantly in crisis due to the chronic underfunding of disability services in Queensland.
2. Acknowledge that it is a basic human right that people have the opportunity and support to live in inclusive communities and work towards this.
3. To encourage and enable the right of people with a disability to be contributing members in the community through inclusiveness.
4. Develop proven early intervention programs to support vulnerable people from reaching crisis resulting in millions of dollars in the government's health and criminal justice budgets.
5. Support people appropriately in the community allowing them to become contributing members of society, resulting in economic advantage for the government and community.
6. Adhere to this Convention that ensures that all people with disability are not discriminated against in all areas of life including health and lifestyle.
7. Invest in a health system that is sustainable and allows solutions for people with disabilities.

### **How Can This Be Achieved:**

1. Through strong political and community leadership.
2. Through systems that provide early intervention and respond to peoples ongoing needs.
3. By supporting a National Disability Insurance Scheme that meets peoples lifetime support needs including personal care, aids and equipment.
4. Engaging with people with disabilities their families, friends and the sector.