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Subject: Disability Alliance Campaign Launch

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We welcome you to the launch of the Disability Alliance Campaign for the state election and look forward to campaigning with you in the lead up to the election.

The purpose of the Disability Alliance campaign 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.

The Disability Alliance is urging Queenslanders with a disability to rally during the State election campaign and speak with their local candidates from all political parties. The Disability Alliance is not political and does not favour any party. It will however, target marginal seats and provide information to people with disability about party/candidate policy in order to inform their voting choice prior to polling day.

If there is one single view shared across the disability community as we head into the Election it is this:

Queenslanders with a disability and their families/networks are tired of endless 'new beginnings from government' and are looking for some 'concrete conclusions'.

Your participation, large or small, in the Disability Alliance campaign, will make a difference this election.

The great question about the election is WHEN will it be called, so all people wishing to participate to make a difference in the campaign need to realise early planning and preparation is the key – and for you the reader, that means asking yourself how you will manage to get the message across to your local candidates about personal care support, equipment and aids and appropriate community health care.

It is our sincere hope this lobby kit will provide you with practical strategies that with minimal time and energy expended on your behalf will produce powerful results. If you have not already registered your support we encourage you to do so by visiting the Disability Alliance website. Please go to www.disabilityalliance.org.au and follow the links to the mailing list.

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