

Our position on personal care

Queenslanders with disability should have adequate personal care to be supported to live the same life as any other Queensland.

The problem

Thousands of Queenslanders who are eligible to receive personal care and/or support are unable to access the support they need, resulting in:

- a poor quality of life of thousands of Queenslanders;
- young people with disability being housed in aged care facilities and other inappropriate arrangements;
- Queenslanders with disability unable to work (and pay tax);
- family breakdowns across the state; and
- undue pressure on other areas of the community (including family and community services, and the criminal justice system).

The solutions

There are three clear course of action that the Disability Alliance would like to see the Queensland Government adopt:

1. Fund support services for the estimated 3500 people with disability who have applied for support.
2. Reform funding structures to reduce the compliance burden and free-up resources to provide more support for people with disability.
3. Commit to ongoing research into flexible, individualised funding options that will provide better outcomes for people with disability.

The benefits for Queensland

Queenslanders want to look out for each other. It would be more than a benefit — it is an honour — if we were able to say, "Queenslanders support our neighbours in need." Additionally, supporting Queenslanders with disability to live normal lives would:

- improve the quality of life of thousands of Queenslanders;
- create jobs;
- reduce the reliance on families and carers; and
- promote greater participation in the workforce (and tax system).

Make a difference this election

Call on your local Member to publicly support increasing the availability of personal care for Queenslanders with disability.