



People with Disability Australia

Statement of Support from Senator Steele-John on behalf of the Australian Greens

The Australian Greens whole-heartedly support the 2022 federal election priorities of People with Disability Australia.

The Australian Greens are committed to always centering the needs and voices of disabled people in decisions which affect their lives. Our Accessible Australia plan, which directly aligns with PWDA's election priorities, provides a clear pathway forward to fix the broken systems disabled people interact with every day, and will enable our community to live fully, and enjoy our lives.

Our Greens Disability Policy will ensure all people are supported to live a good life with access to inclusive education and employment, and ensuring access to essential services like healthcare is made completely accessible. It will also ensure that the NDIS is fully funded so that it meets the needs of disabled people, their families and carers.

The Greens disability policy includes:

- Ensure that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is available to all disabled people who need it, including removing the age limit that prevents people over 65 from being accepted in the NDIS
- Reduce wait times by properly staffing, training, and resourcing the NDIA and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
- Increase support for the advocacy organisations and intervention services that are needed to protect disabled people from abuse and bring perpetrators to justice
- Boost NDIS funding and reinvest the \$160 million the Morrison Government committed to corporations as part of their failed attempt to roll out Independent Assessments
- Make disabled people's physical and digital worlds accessible, including by establishing a new \$3 billion Accessible Infrastructure Fund
- Champion inclusive education and employment by establishing a 20 per cent quota for disabled employee representation in the Australian Public Service by 2030
- Create more accessible housing and healthcare through co-designed planning, policies, and implementation of Liveable Housing Australia Silver Standard across the country
- Invest \$30 million to increase the availability of AUSLAN interpreters, relay and translation services, and expand the regulatory requirement for audio description and captioning services to commercial TV

See our full Accessible Australia plan at: <https://greens.org.au/campaigns/accessible-australia>

We want more people in parliament with lived experience of disability; who understand what the disability community needs. This includes the Disability Minister being someone who's proudly a part of the disability community. One who has lived experience of navigating this world as a disabled person. *A disabled*

disability minister would know that the NDIS is failing disabled people in this country because it's chronically, critically under-resourced.

Disabled people have been shut out of policy and decision-making for far too long in this country. We must commit to centering the needs and voices of disabled people, and build a person-centred disability policy that's informed by the people it affects most.

We thank PWDA for their continued advocacy and work to ensure that disabled people are always given a voice in our community.



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