

# Isobel Redmond MP

## Liberal Leader



### An open letter to South Australians with disability and those who support them

Dear fellow South Australians,

Elections are about choices – choices about the sort of State we want to live in.

I want South Australia to lead the nation in supporting the full and effective participation and inclusion of people with disability.

Key to this vision is dealing with the crisis waiting lists for disability support – How can we be an inclusive community when over 500 South Australians with disability are at immediate and high risk of harm and are still languishing on waiting lists?

**An Isobel Redmond Liberal Government is committed to eliminating the crisis waiting list by 2014, the end of the first term of a Liberal Government.**

This commitment demonstrates the high priority we put on real measurable improvements in the lives of people with disability. Focussing on outcomes ensures that as resources are needed, funding will be a priority.

The Rann Labor Government's history of a lack of commitment to disability services over the past eight years has been shown by the fact that there are over 3,000 people on waiting lists and that Monsignor Cappo described disability as a major social disaster.

Our commitment to a shift to real and measurable outcomes is reflected in other policy commitments:

- stop the spin by **producing a comprehensive assessment of the current and future prevalence of disability** and of the support people with disability will need;
- **fast-track the development and implementation of individualised funding**, ensuring that all clients who wish to access individualised funding are able to do so by 2014;
- **update the Disability Services Act** to reflect the values of the UN Convention;
- enhance the quality of services through **a strong quality assurance program** with elements such as independent advocacy and information, a community visitor's scheme and a restrictive practices regime;
- **establish an Autism Spectrum Disorder-specific school** to provide a base for a range of services supporting parent choice and inclusive education; and
- **establish a peer visiting program** to help people with disability or their parent to envision and pursue a decent life.

On Saturday, I seek your support to build a better South Australia for people with disability.

Yours sincerely,

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