

How to lobby the Shadow Health Minister for action on the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability

The Issue:

People with Intellectual Disability are dying 27 years earlier than the general population. Up to half the deaths of people with intellectual disability are preventable. We need to fix this.

What you can do:

You can help by asking the Shadow Health Minister Mark Butler to back the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

The National Roadmap has been developed by the Department of Health with the intellectual disability community. It contains good programs to improve the health of people with intellectual disability. The most important part of the Roadmap is the creation of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.

Before the last election, the then Shadow Health Minister Katherine King committed to act on the health of people with intellectual disability. There will be another federal election very soon. We need the Labor Party to support the implementation of the Roadmap and the early establishment of the National Centre of Excellence.

Call or email the Shadow Health Minister Mark Butler

Phone: [\(02\) 6277 4089](tel:0262774089)

Email: Mark.Butler.MP@aph.gov.au

Explain why you are phoning/emailing:

“I am calling because I think our health system in Australia is failing people with intellectual disability.”

“I would like Mark Butler and Labor to support implementation of the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.”

“Before the last election Labor committed to action on the health of people with intellectual disability. I want Labor to commit again to the implementation of the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.

“The most important part of the Roadmap is the creation of the National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health. The Centre is essential to the success of the Roadmap. I want Labor to commit to funding it in the next twelve months.”

“I would like you to secure commitment to support the Roadmap and the National Centre of Excellence from your political party to improve the health of over 450,000 people with intellectual disability in Australia.”

Here are some other requests you can make:

- I would like the Health Minister to talk to other members of his political party about taking action on this important issue.

- I would like you to lobby your political colleagues to secure their support for the Roadmap and the National Centre of Excellence.
- I would like you to do a post on Facebook or a tweet about the importance of supporting the National Roadmap and Centre of Excellence.
- I would like you to make a speech in Parliament about the importance of supporting the National Roadmap and the Centre of Excellence.

Thank them for their attention to this important issue and make sure to be polite.

Please let us know how the email or phone call went

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