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Jim Simpson AO
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Dear Mr Simpson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Coalition's views on the important issues facing your members. A response to your questions is attached.

Under Labor, Australia's economy is weak, inflation and interest rates have stayed too high for too long, housing is unaffordable, and our country is less safe.

Under Labor, Australians are paying on average 13% more for food, 18% more for rent, and over 30% more for power and gas and young Australians have seen their dream of home ownership slip away.

The Coalition will get Australia back on track by delivering:

1. **Strong economy with low inflation.** We will rein in wasteful spending and reduce tax, red-tape and union control over small businesses.
2. **Cheaper energy.** We will ensure a balanced mix, including more renewables, more gas, and (in seven locations) replace retired coal plants with zero-emissions nuclear energy.
3. **Affordable homes.** We will fund critical infrastructure required for housing, assist first home buyers, restrict foreign investors, and rebalance Labor's record migration intake.
4. **Safer communities.** We will get tough on violent crime by non-citizens, boost our defence and border security, and improve online safety for children.
5. **Quality healthcare.** We will fund more GPs to address current shortages and increase bulk billing and the number of Medicare-subsidised mental health sessions.

Thank you for communicating our response to your members. Further information about the Coalition's election policies can be found at www.liberal.org.au/our-plan.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Hirst
Federal Director

The Coalition's Response to the Council for Intellectual Disability

2025 Federal Election Questionnaire

1. Making people with intellectual disability a priority population for the funding of enhanced quality and continuity of primary care.

(For example, a General Practice Intellectual Disability Health Incentive Payment similar to the recently established General Practice in Aged Care Incentive.)

An elected Dutton Coalition Government will invest \$8.5 billion into primary care to restore bulk billing and ensure all Australians have timely and affordable access to a doctor.

As part of our historic primary healthcare package, the Coalition will expand the Medicare bulk billing incentive to all Australians and provide significant support to GPs to offer bulk billed services to the community more widely.

2. The comprehensive implementation of the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework ('the Capability Framework'), which has been developed under the National Roadmap, including:

a. Incorporation of the Framework in accreditation standards and university curriculums for doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and allied health professionals.

b. Implementation of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) actions outlined in the National Roadmap, including funding scholarships to health professionals who develop skills beyond basic CPD training modules in intellectual disability health.

An elected Dutton Coalition Government will provide practical support to help those living with disability overcome any barriers they may experience and enable them to find and keep employment.

The Coalition was proud to have launched the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability in 2021 and invested over \$19 million to fund a number of key priorities.

An elected Dutton Coalition Government will continue to work with key stakeholders around other elements of the Roadmap, including the Intellectual Disability Health Capability Framework.

3. Making people with intellectual disability a priority focus in the next National Health Reform Agreement, including coverage of:

a. Funding approaches for better care: activity-based funding must include a loading to account for the additional complexity and time required in managing hospital care.

b. Improving system-wide data collection through an intellectual disability indicator across all health settings, data linkage, and inclusion of people with intellectual disability in measured health outcomes.

c. The development and implementation of systems to ensure that people with disability are appropriately supported in hospital, including with their usual NDIS supports and reasonable adjustments from hospitals.

An elected Dutton Coalition will seek to finalise a new 5 year National Health Reform Agreement with the States and Territories as a matter of priority.

We will also ensure all levels of government provide the support required for people with a disability.

The Coalition is committed to ensuring the NDIS remains fit for purpose and sustainable for future generations.

We have always supported a fully funded, demand-driven NDIS that delivers for Australians with permanent and significant disabilities.