**Council for Intellectual Disability**

**1. Commit to timely action on the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability.**

The Greens are very supportive of the reforms detailed in the National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability. As part of our commitment to achieving the goals outlined in the Roadmap, we will:

* Fund advocacy organisations to support and advocate for people with intellectual disability
* Invest in accessible public communications
* Establish 6 free local healthcare clinics in each federal electorate where people can access free multi-disciplinary care from a GP, nurse practitioner, dentist, and psychologist

**2. Make people with intellectual disability a priority population for funding of enhanced quality and continuity of primary care.**

The Greens acknowledge that people with intellectual disability have long experienced discrimination and exclusion in primary health care spaces, which has resulted in poorer health outcomes. We are supportive of making people with intellectual disability a priority population in primary healthcare policy.

The Greens will encourage GPs to offer longer appointments by increasing the rebates for appointments between 20 and 60 minutes. This will enable people with intellectual disability to access better quality primary care.

**3. Ensure health professionals receive training in intellectual disability health and communication.**

The Greens will expand the Primary Care Enhancement Program, which provides training and support for health practitioners caring for intellectually disabled people, from 4 Primary Healthcare Networks (PHN’s) to all 31 PHN’s.

We will also invest $10m to develop disability awareness training curricula for health professionals. Despite averaging more regular contact with various healthcare professionals than the non-disabled population, many healthcare professionals lack knowledge about the disability community and, in particular, people with intellectual disability. It is essential that this training be designed and led by disabled people, including people with intellectual disability, for it to have the transformative impact necessary.

**4. Make people with intellectual disability a priority in the next National Health Reform Agreement.**

The Greens are supportive of including people with intellectual disability as a priority in the next National Health Reform Agreement. We will increase federal funding to the National Health Reform Agreement by $31bn to better enable the long term reforms detailed in the Agreement.