

#AdvocacyMatters Update

The Labor Government has committed to fund independent advocacy support for people with disabilities beyond 30th June 2019 if re-elected. The announcement was made by Minister for Disability Services Coralee O'Rourke in Townsville last week at a #AdvocacyMatters forum.



Meeting with Queensland Advocacy Incorporated (QAI), Independent Advocacy in the Tropics (IAT) and Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN), Minister O'Rourke announced \$4.1 million in funding initiatives. This includes ongoing annual funding to the nine existing independent advocacy organisations whose funding was to cease at the end of June 2019.

“Advocacy groups make sure that people with disability make the choices and access services in the way the rest of us take for granted. We have heard the concerns raised and we are stepping up today to say we agree – advocacy matters and we will make sure it is there for people with disability” Minister O'Rourke stated.

The #AdvocacyMatter Campaign continues as other political parties are yet to commit to ongoing funding for advocacy.

COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUPS QUEENSLAND (CAGQ)

- AMPARO Advocacy Inc.
- Capricorn Citizen Advocacy Inc.
- Gold Coast Disability Advocacy Inc.
- Independent Advocacy in the Tropics Inc.
- Ipswich Regional Advocacy Services Inc.
- Mackay Advocacy Inc.
- People with Disability Australia Inc.
- Queensland Advocacy Inc.
- Rights in Action Inc.
- Speaking Up For You Inc.
- Sunshine Coast Citizen Advocacy Inc.
- The Advocacy and Support Centre Inc.

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