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**Adam Bandt**

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**Via email to:** **greens@greens.org.au**

Dear Mr Bandt

**Re: Seeking election Commitment to Improve the Lives of People with Disability who are Excluded from the NDIS**

The Assistive Technology for All Alliance, and the more than 60 organisations who support our work, encourage the Australian Greens to publicly commit to establishing a harmonised and nationally consistent assistive technology program to meet the needs of Australians with disability who are excluded from the NDIS.

To find out why this issue is so critically important:

* Watch our short [explainer animation video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o92pzCPavZ0)
* Access our [PowerPoint presentation](https://assistivetechforall.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-06-18-ATFA-PowerPoint-Final.pptx)
* Visit our [campaign website](https://assistivetechforall.org.au/)

We are encouraging all candidates standing for election in 2022 to pledge their commitment to work with their Parliamentary colleagues to establish a harmonised and nationally consistent assistive technology program to support people with disability who are excluded from the NDIS. Please see the attached pledge letter for further details. Social justice is one of the four pillars that underpins the work of the Australian Greens, which is why we know that you will understand the importance of prioritising this issue. As Greens leader, we ask you to encourage your party to publicly commit to the establishment of such a program in advance of the federal election.

This public commitment will be of benefit to the Greens, as most Australians believe that fairness, equality and respect are important national values. This issue also directly affects a large number of Australian voters. There are 4.4 million people with disability across Australia and 90% of these people are currently excluded from the NDIS. This situation is also having a profound impact on families and Carers who are required to provide additional support because the people with disability they care for cannot access the assistive technology they need.

Thank you for your time and for taking an interest in the welfare of Australians with disability who are excluded from the NDIS, their families and Carers. We look forward to receiving your response regarding this critical pre-election commitment.

Yours Sincerely

Lauren Henley

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