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### **My Disability Matters: response to QDN's state election platform**

Dear Ms Moss,

Thank you for your email of 11 September 2024, providing us with a copy of QDN's state election platform.

The Queensland Greens' overall plan for Queensland is set out [here](#). The election initiatives we have already announced are listed at the bottom of that page.

The Queensland Greens commend QDN's work and want to work together to ensure that the needs and rights of people with disability are given the prominence they deserve in the political agenda. In the current political environment in both Queensland and federal politics, we need to fight for this harder than ever.

This election, the Greens have been pushing for a range of measures to address the cost of living crisis, which is affecting everyone and disproportionately impacting people with disability. The cost of housing is placing enormous pressure on Queensland families, so taking action on the housing crisis by [freezing rents, ending no-grounds evictions, building 100,000 public homes](#) and creating a [state bank with cheaper mortgages](#) is essential.

The Greens will also [take on the supermarket duopoly to make groceries cheaper for everyone](#), by capping the prices of 30 essential items like bread, milk, and nappies, and breaking up Coles and Woolworths via divestiture powers. We will also stop dodgy supermarket behaviour like land-banking development sites and land covenants, and boost emergency food programs like foodbanks, emergency relief and food recovery organisations by tripling funding to \$20 million per year.

Our plan for free, universal healthcare is [here](#) and [here](#). We will:

- Establish 200 free public health clinics across Queensland with publicly funded and salaried GPs, nurses and allied health professionals including physiotherapists.

- Provide 20 free psychology sessions each year.
- End the crisis in our public hospitals by investing an additional \$8.7 billion in our hospitals over four years, meaning 2000 more beds and two new major hospitals in Queensland.

The Queensland Greens are also advocating for state schools to be fully funded and genuinely free, taking cost of living pressure off Queensland families. Our position on early childhood education and care is [here](#).

We are pleased to support the election proposals that you have set out in your state election platform.

Thank you again for writing to us with your election position. We look forward to working with you to achieve change in the next term of parliament.

Kind regards,

**Queensland Greens**