



A U S T R A L I A

9 questions to ask each party about MS.

Score each candidate out of 10 against each issue.

CANDIDATE 1. CANDIDATE 2. CANDIDATE 3.

NAME: NAME: NAME:

PARTY: PARTY: PARTY:

Will you make a commitment to:

What needs to be done:

1. Stop MS and find a cure

Invest in and expand promising signature areas of best quality, competitive and impactful research to find the cure for MS.

2. Prevent MS

Addressing smoking, Vitamin D deficiency, obesity and glandular fever will prevent 60% of MS cases. If we also develop a vaccine against the Epstein Barr Virus (EBV), we could prevent 90% of MS cases.

3. Improve the management of MS

Ensure all people with MS have access to the best possible models of care from onset of symptoms, through diagnosis and ongoing treatment and management including monitoring of efficacy.

4. Fully address NDIS issues

Address the many issues that have surfaced during the implementation phase of the NDIS.

5. Improve employment options and workplace flexibility

Ensure the Disability Employment Services program maximises choice for people with MS.

6. Stop young people entering residential aged care

Investment in dramatically improved accessible accommodation options, funding to provide an appropriate level of care within the NDIS, integration of the NDIS with the housing and health sectors, and investment in an appropriately trained disability support workforce.

7. Maintain the momentum of aged care reforms

The recommendations of recent aged care sector reviews need to be implemented and the current reform process needs to be progressed as a matter of urgency, whilst the work of the Royal Commission into the aged care sector is undertaken.

8. Help people to stay at home as long as possible

People are adequately supported to stay at home for as long as possible through accurate assessment of functional impairments, making appropriate recommendations for their care and support and investing in additional, new home care packages.

9. Equal access to assistive technology

State and Federal Governments must come together to develop a sustainable solution to the equitable provision of assistive technology to all Australians.

Total points

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Get involved in the election to help people affected by MS.

1. Get your local politicians involved: quiz each candidate or party using this scorecard.

2. Get more information on the 9 issues:

www.msaustralia.org.au/about-msa

3. If you don't get a visit, send this scorecard to your local candidates, ask them to complete it and send it back to you.

4. Let us know how you got on, email us: info@msaustralia.org.au or visit MS Australia's Facebook page.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) is the most common neurological condition diagnosed in young adults; 75% diagnosed are women and the average age of diagnosis is 30. There are more than 25,600 Australians living with MS.

A cure could be within the grasp of this generation of political leaders and researchers.

About MS Australia

MS Australia (MSA) is the national peak body for people living with MS in Australia. Our role is to work on behalf of all state and territory based member organisations to provide a voice for people living with multiple sclerosis across the country.

To help us improve the lives of people affected by MS, we seek election commitments from all sides of politics to the 9 issues on this scorecard.

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