

# KEY ISSUES AFFECTING PEOPLE WITH MND IN THE 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION

## Issue 1: End age discrimination in provision of disability supports and services for people with MND



Motor neurone disease (MND) is a rapidly progressing neurological condition which can take away a person's ability to walk, move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe. Life expectancy is only 2.5 years.

During the course of the disease, people have complex and rapidly progressive disability care needs. Yet half of Australians with MND do not have access to the NDIS, simply because they were diagnosed aged 65+. Instead, they must rely on the Aged Care system, which has long waiting lists and inadequate funding to meet their disability support needs.

### **MND Australia is calling for an end to this age discrimination in disability support and a commitment to:**

- Funding and implementing improvements to the Aged Care system to provide comparable funding and supports for people with MND to that available under the NDIS, by July 2023
- Establishing a central assistive technology (AT) program, with no costs and minimal waiting times for AT, by December 2022

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