

The Bureaucratic Battle for Kingsdene in NSW!

When news broke that Australia's only boarding school for disabled kids was set to close, it exposed once more the heartbreaking lack of support for their families

This New South Wales battle is the front line for all Australian families with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability!

<http://au.lifestyle.yahoo.com/marie-claire/features/reports/article/-/6741343/>

Parents must live for ever! Australian governments are demanding they do, by expecting parents to care for their family member at home, or monitor the service quality of the few service providers if they are amongst the privileged few who have a government funded service handout. Often the handout is but a few hours of respite per month.

Yes, a handout! All services for people with a disability in Australia are a government handout, not a right! Unlike in many European countries, Australian parents, with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability, have no right of expectation for service provision, level or quality. Australian governments expect parents to be eternally grateful for any crumbs they might get.

The proposed "National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)" might change this. In the mean time, battle fronts like Kingsdene continue to make life more difficult for those parents, families, carers, friends already disadvantaged and doing it tough.

Those in the trenches trying to defend Kingsdene from the big bureaucratic blitzkrieg are calling for united support from across Australia. **Please help them with their petition.....** <http://gopetition.com.au/online/33791.html>

You may also like to see media coverage of another battle by parents in New South Wales, on the "Four Corners" TV Program next week, 15th February 2010. **Don't miss it!**

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