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**Ms Lynn Russell**

Lynn Russell is motivated by a passionate commitment to recognizing and respecting our common humanity, and has been an active and effective advocate for many good human rights causes over the years, as I have long been aware from my contacts with her as Minister for Foreign Affairs and in other ministerial, parliamentary and public roles.

She has carried that energy, competence and passion into her work with Invisible Disabilities Australia, in seeking to win much greater community understanding of the physical and emotional needs of – and much more practical day to day support for – those great many Australians suffering disabilities of one kind or another that are not immediately obvious to others.

It is work that goes directly to the protection of human dignity, has real practical impact, and deserves the utmost recognition, respect and support.

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