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MND Queensland Deeply Disappointed by State Budget Decision

The Motor Neurone Disease Association of Queensland Inc (aka MND Queensland) is extremely disappointed by the Queensland Government's decision to exclude direct funding for our organisation in the 2025–2026 State Budget, instead channelling MND support through a generalist Neuro Network.

While broad neurological services are important, this one-size-fits-all approach does not work for the MND community. MND is a rapidly progressing disease requiring urgent, specialised care delivered predominantly in the home.

At yesterday's neurological briefing, Minister for Health Tim Nicholls openly acknowledged that the government's funding of the proposed hubs will not meet the needs of people with MND or of others with progressive neurological conditions, because the care required must be delivered in the home. Community access is too often simply not possible. Whilst Minister Nicholls said he hopes this is only the beginning of greater support for neurological conditions in Queensland, we must ask: how much longer are people with MND expected to wait?

"This decision is disheartening and short-sighted," said MND Queensland Acting CEO, Alicia Edwards.

"We have spent years building a model of care that is specifically tailored to MND—an approach that is deeply respected by the community and based on lived experience."

"We have consistently warned that outsourcing MND care to non-specialist providers will not meet the unique needs of people with this devastating disease," she continued.

MND Queensland will continue to advocate for the 475 people living with MND in Queensland, especially the half who do not qualify for NDIS support. We urge the Government to reconsider and consult directly with the MND community on future funding and service delivery.

For more information or to join our advocacy efforts, visit www.mndqld.org.au.

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