

Kelly Vincent Bio

The Honourable Kelly Vincent MLC is a trailblazer. As the youngest woman ever elected to an Australian parliament, and the first to be elected on a disability rights platform, she holds her seat as Leader of the Dignity Party in the South Australian Legislative Council.

First elected in 2010, Kelly gets results through her parliamentary work, among her achievements:

- Kelly took the lead in seeking to establish **SA's Disability Justice Plan**;
- She instigated a select **committee into the educational experience of students with disabilities**,
- And, she ensured that **universal design principles** are considered in state planning law.

Kelly is a prominent and respected advocate in the South Australian political landscape. As the first wheelchair user elected to the parliament, she has also paved the way there with a purpose built desk in the chamber, and installation of a red light to indicate to the President that she is 'standing' to speak.

In 2014, Kelly was named in The Advertiser's Young Guns - Ones to Watch guide, and also in the International Women's Day list of South Australia's Most Influential Women.

The reality is that on a daily basis, Kelly Vincent is contacted by people in crisis – often due in part to the disproportionate chunk of their lives people with disabilities have to spend battling bureaucracy simply to gain fair access to the world. Kelly's goal is to make herself redundant, she says her goal will be realised when having a disability in Australia no longer constitutes a full-time job.