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Parkinson's Vote in 2010 Election

People with Parkinson's disease, their families and friends are calling for the next Federal government to support a national strategy tackling the burden of Parkinson's disease.

Launching their election demands, Parkinson's Australia Chief Executive Officer, Norman Marshall, said "the Parkinson's vote could make or break the forthcoming election for a number of close electorates".

Parkinson's Australia has written to all major political parties, as part of a concerted pre-election campaign, seeking a commitment to a new policy initiative planning to improve the quality of life for people with Parkinson's disease and save the Government money in hospital and aged care costs. The new policy initiative can be obtained from www.parkinsonsaustralia.org.au

The campaign includes grassroots and key political lobbying.

Marshall said "Over 300,000 Australians are directly involved and affected by Parkinson's disease and their vote will be influenced by the party committed to better health".

In the coming weeks, people with Parkinson's and their families will target their local members of parliament.

CEO Norman Marshall is available for comment.

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