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Clients and Carers back funding pledge of SA Liberals

Borderline Personality Disorder carer support group 'Sanctuary' and 'WeCan', Australian BPD Foundation's client support group strongly support the pre-election promise of the SA Liberals for the allocation of \$10 million over 4 years to establish a statewide BPD service announced on 16 September.

'We have 220 combined carer and client members in our two groups who will be amongst many of those who will benefit most from this funding promise' said the convenor of Sanctuary carer group Ms Judy Burke.

'We have been involved in advocating for a statewide BPD service for at least the last 5 years including representation on groups which have developed a Report to Government and an Action Plan 2017-2020. The SA Liberals have heard us and responded with this pledge' said Ms Burke.

'We believe that in SA we are well overdue for a coordinated statewide approach to evidenced based treatment and support for those most affected by BPD and their families and carers' she said.

'The Liberals promise of other services to support families of people with the diagnosis of BPD is very welcomed' said Ms Burke and 'there is certainly strong support for services for young people at risk of developing BPD, and to new mothers with the diagnosis of BPD'.

If the Liberals are successful at the March 2018 election, we look forward to being involved in discussions about the design and implementation of the BPD service. This will be crucial if we are to see a new approach to treatment and support for those affected by BPD become a reality across South Australia' said Ms Burke.

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