The Jacqui Lambie Network has committed to better treatment by the government, of people living with a disability and will continue to do so if we hold the balance of power after the July 2 election.

Vision Australia has asked the JLN to commit to a range of measures that would improve the employment and education outcomes for the 350,000 Australians who are blind or have low vision – these measures also improve the quality of life.

In particular, JLN is concerned about access to education for those living with a disability. JLN is worried that the Liberal Government removing vital support services in the classroom for those students living with a disability, simply so they can claim to be good money managers. A number of our constituents in Tasmania, have expressed concerns their children aren’t receiving the attention they need due to cuts in teacher aides.

But we strongly believe a disability – including blindness and low vision – is not a barrier to learning, a government lacking in compassion is.

Students living with a disability deserve the same education as every other student, the same quality of life, and the same meaningful employment opportunities.