

South Australian Task Force on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

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Calling on the Federal Government to support the development of a national
MCS DISABILITY ACCESS STRATEGY

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COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS
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Multiple Chemical Sensitivity is a chronic medical condition where people are made sick by common chemicals in everyday products, often at levels assessed as “safe” by chemical regulators.

MCS is frequently associated with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

A Parliamentary Inquiry into MCS in SA found that MCS is “very real” and estimated between 1% and 3% of Australians had already been diagnosed with the condition. The Inquiry recommended the development of practical strategies to assist people with MCS disability access issues.

MCS is recognised as a disability by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. But national agencies such as the Dept of Health and Ageing and the Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs continue to ignore the disability access needs of people with MCS.

The rally calls on the Federal Government and the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities to actively support the development of a national MCS disability access strategy that provides people with MCS with equitable access to services and public spaces in the community.

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