

SAMPLE LETTER TO CANDIDATES

[Date]

Dear [Name of MP or candidate],

I am writing request your urgent support for changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

While the NDIS has made an amazing difference to many people's lives, it is not working for everyone. Too many people in [suburb or town where you live] are falling through the cracks and are missing out on the benefits the NDIS can deliver.

[Share your story about the NDIS. For example "I am an NDIS participant and I rely on the NDIS to provide me with the equipment I need to get out of the house and get to my part time job every day. But right now my equipment is old and I need to get it replaced before it becomes too dangerous to use or completely breaks. I applied through my NDIS plan for a replacement more than six months ago, but I am still waiting. If I don't have equipment that works I can't leave the house, get to my job, or live independently. I need an NDIS that works so I can live my life the way I want to."]

I am a disability support worker. I support people to live fabulous lives of their choosing. I am so concerned that more and more people with disability are having their packages and services cut.

I am the mother/father/brother/sister of an NDIS participant. Our lives all changed for the better when funding became available for X and Y.]

Recent cuts to NDIS payments and packages will have disastrous and long-term impacts on service provision and the quality of many people's day-to-day lives.

I urge you to publicly commit to stop the cuts to services needed by many people. Specifically, I urge you and all candidates in the upcoming Federal election to commit to delivering the "3 Ps" for the NDIS should you be elected as our representative in May.

The 3 Ps are:

- Proper **Planning** – so people with disability have the resources they need to build the right team for them.
- Fair and Independent **Pricing** – so providers can deliver the services people with disability need.
- Genuine **Partnership** – a real commitment from the Federal Government to work with participants and providers to build a scheme that delivers long-term support

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you with your commitment to back a strong NDIS and can be contacted on [put your phone number here] or at [put email here] to discuss this further.

Kind Regards,

[Name]

[Where you live]