# Sample candidate email from disability service provider

Dear [name of candidate or MP]

I’m seeking your support at the coming Tasmania state election for policies that create an inclusive Tasmania where the approximately 140,000 people with a disability can live safely and equitably.

My name is [your name], and I am [your role] at [your organisation]. As a disability service provider, my organisation works daily with people with disability to provide high-quality supports, including [examples of services your organisation provides].

Disability does not have to be a barrier to inclusion for people living in Tasmania. Service providers are asking state political parties to commit to an agenda that strengthens the disability support sector and improves the way the Tasmania Government works with the community across its agencies.

[Include one or more of the following points that are most relevant to your organisation.]

* Recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission and Commission of Inquiry need to be implemented to ensure the safety of people with disability. How will your party ensure critical safeguarding initiatives can be implemented across the sector?
* There is a severe shortage of workers across the sector. What is your party going to do to ensure that people with disabilities have access to a skilled workforce to provide the supports they need?
* Less than 11 per cent of people with disability in Tasmania are receiving NDIS supports. What strategies do you have that will deliver foundational supports at a state level to people who fall outside the scope of the NDIS?
* The unemployment rate for people with disability is more than double the average rate —10.3 per cent compared to 4.6 per cent for the general population. Will your party commit to improving employment and economic participation for people with disability?

I invite you to meet our team at [organisation name] and the people with disability they support. Please get in touch with [contact name] on [email address] or [phone number].

I look forward to hearing from you about your election policies on disability services.

Kind regards

[your name]

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