# Sample provider email to staff, clients and families

## Dear [name],

## The Tas State Election is on 23 March. This election is a crucial opportunity to advocate for state government policies that strengthen the disability support sector and create an inclusive Tasmania where all people live safely and equitably.

Our organisation supports a campaign led by National Disability Services (NDS) calling on all candidates and political parties in the election to make policy commitments across key disability policy areas.

As a person with lived experience or someone who provides support to people with disability, you can play a crucial role in this campaign. Together, we can build momentum across the state for stronger and more inclusive disability policies.

Here are some ways you can support the campaign:

* Email your local MP, using the template below.
* If candidates are holding an event to meet local voters, tell them about your experience of disability policy and ask one of the candidate questions below.
* Post or make a comment on social media, using one of the questions below.

Thanks for your support.

[your name]

[organisation]

# Sample email to candidates

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 [tell them about yourself and your connection with people with disability].

[Include one or more of the following questions that are most relevant to you.]

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

Kind regards

[your name]

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