## Sample candidate email from disability service provider

Dear [name of candidate or MP]

I’m seeking your support at the coming NSW state election for policies that will progress genuine inclusion for the approximately 1.4 million people with a disability in our state.

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 NSW. Service providers are asking state political parties to commit to a proactive agenda that strengthens the disability support sector and improves the way the NSW Government works with the community across its agencies.

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

* 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?
* Current housing strategies are not meeting the needs of people with disability. What will your party do to improve access to housing that meets the needs of people with disability?
* Less than 12 per cent of people with disability in NSW are receiving NDIS supports. What strategies do you have that will deliver 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?
* Reporting the same information to multiple state and federal government agencies wastes time and effort that providers can better use to provide supports for people with disability. If elected, would your party work with federal agencies to eliminate duplication of reporting and improve efficiency?

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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