## Sample provider email to staff, clients and families

## Dear [name],

## The NSW State Election is on 25 March 2023. This election is a crucial opportunity to advocate for state government policies that strengthen the disability support sector and progress genuine inclusion for people with disability.

Our organisation is supporting 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 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 [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.]

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?

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

Kind regards

[your name]

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