

Example letters to government

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Dear Mr Perrottet,

I am writing to let you know about an organisation which is close to my heart.

Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital in Sydney cares for children with complex disabilities and health needs and has been operating for over 70 years. Allowah has had a financially crippling couple of years due to COVID-19. They have had to close a number of the programs that financially support their core business due to government imposed restrictions on admissions and access, and in order to keep the children at Allowah safe as they are particularly susceptible to respiratory illnesses.

Allowah has been trying for the past year to obtain government funding in excess of what was provided through the Social Sector Support Fund. They have sought assistance from the NSW Minister for Health, the NSW Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, the Federal Minister for the NDIA and the Federal Minister for Families and Social Services. To date, each of these ministers and their respective departments have taken the stance that Allowah's financial position is not their responsibility.

Unfortunately, that means that Allowah will come to the end of their internal financial resources before they are able to get services and admissions back to a sustainable level.

There is no other place like Allowah in Australia. The families who come to Allowah are often at breaking point and have nowhere else to go. They work with families so that they can stay together. They also keep children out of big tertiary hospitals by providing the level of clinical care they need in a respite setting. They provide a home for children with complex medical needs and disabilities who are waiting for a suitable foster home. Some children stay at Allowah permanently and Allowah is their home. Other children come for short-term respite, for the weekend, the day or to access their team of therapists.

I am reaching out to you to see if you can lead your government to see that letting Allowah close on your watch is unacceptable and a loss to New South Wales. These children need you to act for them.

If you feel you may be able to help, please reach out to Allowah's CEO, Liz McClean, at emcclean@pcnsw.org.au.

Kind regards,
[Insert name]

The Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC
Minister for Government Services
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme
Via email: senator.reynolds@aph.gov.au

Dear Ms Reynolds,

I am writing to let you know about an organisation which is close to my heart.

Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital in Sydney cares for children with complex disabilities and health needs and has been operating for over 70 years. **They are a fully accredited NDIS provider.** As you know, Allowah has had a financially crippling couple of years due to COVID-19 due to government imposed restrictions on admissions and access, and in order to keep the children at Allowah safe.

Allowah has been trying for the past year to obtain government funding in excess of what was provided through the NSW Social Sector Support Fund. They have sought assistance from the NSW Minister for Health, the NSW Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, the Federal Minister for Families and Social Services and yourself. To date, each of these ministers and their respective departments have taken the stance that Allowah's financial position is not their responsibility.

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Allowah is one of the innovative solutions that the NDIS needs. I am reaching out to you to see if will review your funding position given that Allowah is an NDIS provider, rather than letting Allowah close on your watch which is unacceptable and a huge loss to these participants. These children need you to act for them.

If you feel you may be able to help, please reach out to Allowah's CEO, Liz McClean, at emcclean@pcnsw.org.au.

Kind regards,
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