



The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC
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By Email: info@cid.org.au

Dear Ms O'Neill,

I am writing on behalf of the NSW Liberals and Nationals to acknowledge your Everyday for Everyone Campaign, and to thank you for taking the time to make a contribution ahead of the NSW election. I also thank Jim and Ben for meeting with me earlier this year to discuss these important policy issues in person, and for your ongoing engagement with my staff.

We are sincerely grateful for your constructive engagement, because one of the core beliefs of a Perrottet Government is that embracing new ideas, not politics-as-usual, is the key to navigating the challenges ahead and securing our state's long-term success.

That's why we believe genuine engagement is vital. The best ideas almost always come from the NSW community, and our state moves forward when it is led by a government with the experience and integrity to put those ideas into action.

The Liberals and Nationals have a long-term plan to get through the current uncertainties and make the most of the opportunities ahead, and that includes protecting the rights of people with disability and supporting them to thrive.

The Disability Inclusion Act has enshrined inclusion as a right for all people with disability, and this year the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government introduced amendments to the act to further enhance inclusion for people with disability in NSW. These new amendments ensure that disability inclusion action plans are completely remade every four years, and provide additional time to ensure that NSW Government departments and local councils can consult widely in our communities.

As an active participant of the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC), comprised of Commonwealth, State and Territory Disability Ministers, I have ensured, on behalf of the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government, that the interests of people with disability in NSW are advocated for, the Australian Disability Strategy is progressed and that the Federal Labor Government is held to account in its responsibility to administer the NDIS in line with its intended purposes.

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The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government continues its commitment to people with disability, investing hundreds of millions of dollars annually across all areas of government to ensure that:

- children with disability in school have learning support;
- new transport infrastructure, buses, trains and interchanges are accessible;
- new social housing is built to high accessible standards;
- our websites and online services are easy to access;
- individual, systemic and representative disability advocacy and safety is supported; and
- all NSW agencies and the 128 local councils across NSW are working to make their communities inclusive for people with disability.

I acknowledge the particular policy challenges involved in making full inclusion a reality for people with intellectual disability. This is why I appreciate you setting out with such clarity your feedback on what these challenges are, what can be done better, and making the voices of people with intellectual disability be heard.

Your contribution has been taken into consideration to help shape our plan, and we hope to have the opportunity to engage further with you as we put our plan into action in the next term of government.

Thank you once again for your contribution and for your commitment to inclusion for all and helping the Liberal and Nationals Government build a positive future for NSW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Maclaren-Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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