

Template letter for NGOs to local MPs

[Date]

[Details]

Dear [insert name]

I am the [insert title] at [insert organisation] in your electorate.

I am writing to you on behalf of my organisation to express our concern regarding recent NSW Government funding decisions.

For your information, our organisation delivers [insert nature of organisation's work, who it supports and the outcomes you achieve].

This work is now under real threat because of the NSW Government's decision to set the indexation rate for FACS-funded community organisations at just 1.75 per cent this year.

This comes on top of a nationally mandated wage increase of 3% which commenced on 1 July 2019.

I also note that for NSW Health-funded community organisations, indexation appears to be set at 2.5 per cent.

This failure to match indexation to wage increases will leave us with few options but to seriously consider reducing hours, reducing services or looking for less qualified staff. This will fundamentally hurt our ability to serve the most vulnerable in our community.

This does not have to be the case though.

As a starting point we ask that the indexation rate of 1.75 per cent for community organisations as set out in the State Budget be increased to at least 3 per cent.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this important matter with you in person. You are more than welcome to visit us or I can come to your office.

I can be contacted on [insert details].

We look forward to working with you to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Yours sincerely,

[Insert name]

[Insert position]