<<Date>>

<<Name of MP>>

<<Electorate>>

<<Address line 1>>

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<<Suburb>> <<State>> <<Postcode>>

<<Email address>>

<<Dear Mr, Mrs, Ms >>

As a <<profession>> at the <<diabetes service>> in <<location>>, I am concerned by the increasing prevalence of diabetes in my community. I write to you to seek your support in helping to tackle this growing problem.

There are a total of <<<number>> people with type 2 diabetes and <<number>> people with type 1 diabetes in our <<insert electorate name>>. This represents <XXX per cent >> of the population in the electorate. Urgent support is needed to prevent further cases and to ensure those who are diagnosed receive the best possible care.

The cost of treating people with diabetes will only increase if we do not reduce this disease burden. Urgent government support is needed if we are to improve the quality of life and productivity of those living with diabetes.

Early diagnosis and treatment is essential for reducing the onset of costly diabetes-related complications such as eye disease, cardiovascular disease, nerve damage, kidney damage, amputations and even cognitive decline and dementia. Without effective treatment and optimal blood glucose control, patients may face debilitating complications such as loss of mobility through amputation, blindness and premature death.

Staff at our diabetes <<centre/clinic/service>> are committed to providing the best possible care. We currently have <<number>> of staff and regularly introduce new initiatives to improve our service. We are also a member of the [National Association of Diabetes Centres](http://nadc.net.au/) (NADC) through which we are supported to provide best practice care through accreditation, quality improvement activities as well as educational opportunities and networking resources.

I invite you to visit our <<centre/clinic/service>> to meet the staff and patients; experience a day-in-the-life of someone living with diabetes; see the work we are doing; and share an insight into this growing problem.

I hope to be able to work with government to find a solution to this problem in our community. <<(centres can host a morning tea, featuring brief presentations from staff and a patient)>>.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

<<name>>

<<position and organisation>>

<<Signature>>