

Possible Advocacy Templates

We would encourage you to write a personalised letter about the issues that matter to you. Below are some examples that we have seen and may help provide you with a guide for the kinds of effective letters that politicians and candidates often receive.

Subject: We Need Stronger Governments Schools

Dear [Candidate Name],

As a student in a Tasmanian government school, I want to share what matters to me. Schools are more than just places to learn – they are our communities.

My school needs more teachers and support staff. It's hard to learn when some of us can't get the support we need.

Please support full funding for public education, mental health support, and inclusive programs.

We're the future – invest in us.

Sincerely,

[Your Name],

Year X Student, [School]

Subject: My school needs more psychologist time

Dear [Candidate Name],

I'm writing to you as a parent of a Year X student at [school].

My child has been waiting for more than a year to be assessed, and in that time, they've only been able to see the school psychologist once a month - because the psychologist is only available one day a week. That's not enough, and I know we're not the only family in this position.

It's heartbreaking to watch your child struggle and feel left out at school because the support just isn't there. It makes learning harder, it affects their wellbeing, and it puts extra pressure on teachers too.

Please advocate for more funding for school psychologists, mental health support, and inclusive programs in public schools. Our kids deserve better, and so do the people trying to help them.

Sincerely,

[Your Name],

Subject: Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools

Dear [Candidate Name],

I have been closely following the Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools.

As a parent of both a child who has a disability, and a child who has suffered bullying I have been following closely, reading the submissions and watching the streams. Some of the stories shared have caused me great sadness and the need for change is clear.

It alarms me that this committee was ceased on 11th June 2025 without delivering a final report or recommendations.

Will you support re-establishing this Inquiry as the first priority of the government – regardless of who leads it, delivering a final report and acting on its recommendations?

I would appreciate your response. I cannot in good faith vote for anyone who will not support this being the highest priority for the parliament.

Sincerely,

[Your Name],

Parent of 3 in your electorate

Subject: Parent Engagement with Schools, Reports and Data

Dear [Candidate Name],

I have been a parent of children in government schools in Tasmania now for [x] years – with my oldest all grown up, and my youngest still in primary school.

I continued to be dismayed by the state of school reports given the wealth of data available – in terms of standardised tests.

The Catholic and Independent schools all provide reports with comments from the teachers, and they give all parents online access to their Learning Management System where they can see their children's work, assignments, rubrics, progress and marks in real time.

Contrasting that, my high school children's school sends out cryptic reports that fit on a single page, and holds parent teacher for 2 nights twice a year, which I can only book the week before, and hold a barbecue during work hours to meet the teachers (which I only found out about after it happened). They send out messages and newsletters on 2 different apps which never work. According to the school this is "over and above" what is required in the department's policy.

We spoke about this very issue when you came to their primary school assembly around 3 years ago, and you said then that your party was bringing in an updated policy and massive improvements in this space. I've seen nothing so far, in fact I'd say it's worse since then.

Will you commit to an uplift to mandatory parent engagement and reporting requirements in our schools, that includes as basic standards written reports with comments, all data that is already collected like standardised testing being provided to parents, and access for all

parents to a Learning Management System so they can help support their children's learning?

I know that the budget is tight, but surely getting better parent engagement in our schools will cost less than funding rebuilding the clubrooms at the golf club, or upgrading the boat ramp, and will be a better long-term investment in our community.

Whilst I have voted for you and your party in the past, I am feeling less comfortable that this will happen. I would appreciate your commitment on specifically these matters to secure my vote once more at this coming election.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]