**[MP’s Name]
Member for [Electorate]
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT 2600**

**Help bring critical support to Head and Neck Cancer survivors who face life-long challenges after treatment.**

Dear **[Full Name and Title],**

My name is **[Your Full Name],** and I am one of your constituents in **[Electorate]**. I am writing to ask for your support to help address the unmet survivorship needs of people impacted by Head and Neck Cancer. As a **[current patient/former patient/carer/family member/loved one]** of someone affected by Head and Neck Cancer, I understand the overwhelming and unique challenges faced by survivors who are cured but living with the life-long side effects of treatment.

**Insert personal story: Full Name, age, suburb of person affected. Name of the Head and Neck Cancer type diagnosed and when. Briefly outline the journey to diagnosis, what treatments were offered and the outcome. Current situation, the challenges related to HNC and expected outcome.**

Treatment for Head and Neck Cancer can be highly invasive, often resulting in the removal of parts of a person’s face or mouth, leaving survivors with visible gaps and lifelong difficulties in breathing, speaking, and swallowing. Many require facial prosthetics and oral rehabilitation services to function normally and reintegrate into society, yet such services remain inaccessible or unaffordable for most.

Ahead of the 2025 Federal Budget, I sincerely ask you to write a letter of support to the Minister for Health and to the Treasurer to endorse two vital initiatives proposed by Head and Neck Cancer Australia, which seek to address these issues by:

* Investing $13 million to establish a **Head and Neck Cancer Maxillofacial Prosthetics Benefits Scheme.** This will help priority groups living with Head and Neck Cancer meet the costs of facial prosthetics such as an eye, ear or nose, which are not covered by Medicare or routinely funded by private insurance.
* Investing $2.5 million to **develop and implement consensus guidelines for health professionals on optimal oral prehabilitation and rehabilitation** for Head and Neck Cancer survivors and formulate a plan for addressing the financial barriers that currently prevent survivors from accessing necessary care.

These investments are critical for those who otherwise face the impossible decision of draining their savings or going without essential care and living in isolation through the shame of disfigurement. This often means social isolation from family and friends. Your support for this proposal would be a lifeline for over 17,000 Australians who have survived Head and Neck Cancer but are faced with the life-long challenges of treatment which impact their quality of life and ability to function as a normal part of society.

If you would like more information, I would be delighted to meet with you at your office or for you to contact [Head and Neck Cancer Australia](http://www.headandneckcancer.org.au) for more information about [The Missing Piece: 2025 Pre-election Submission.](https://headandneckcancer.org.au/news/the-missing-piece-of-the-puzzle-2025-pre-election-submission/)

I appreciate your dedication to ensuring equitable healthcare and look forward to seeing your continued advocacy for those people who need it most.

Sincerely,

[Full name

Suburb, Postcode]

Contact information