**Your template letter/email to Members of Parliament, Senator or political candidates**

**Dear [Name],**

**Subject**: We need quality dementia care

I am a local [electorate/suburb] resident and I am writing to ask what you are doing to make quality dementia care a reality in Australia.

I am among those directly impacted by dementia. As my local representative, I would like to meet to discuss the need for decisive action on dementia.

[Write about your personal experience with dementia and aged care if you feel comfortable doing so – sharing your story will help demonstrate the importance of the issue]

Dementia is not core business in the majority of aged care settings despite the fact 68 per cent of residents are known to have moderate to severe cognitive impairment.

At present, people living with dementia and their carers are not at the centre of service planning, delivery, feedback and evaluation.

All Australians need to have confidence and trust in our aged care system. We rely on it to care for our loved ones. We all want to have faith in a system that will care for us if or when we will need to call on it.

We – governments, the aged care sector and the community - have the opportunity to transform the system - to truly commit to making a profound and lasting difference to the lives of all Australians impacted by dementia.

I look forward to hearing from you soon to discuss how we can work together to assist Dementia Australia to implement its [**Roadmap to Quality Dementia Care**](https://www.dementia.org.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/PFOD-Roadmap-paper-noPrev-March-2021.pdf).

Kind regards,

[Insert your full name

Insert your address

Insert your phone number]