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Dear [title + candidate surname],

My name is [sender name] and I am a resident in the Federal electorate of [sender Federal electorate] on [insert First Nations place name/Country]. As you are seeking to be elected to represent our local community in the next Federal Parliament, I am writing to understand your policy position on the priority matters for First Nations communities.

I am deeply concerned that rights and justice for First Nations communities are being overlooked or strategically ignored in this Federal election campaign and in Australian politics more broadly.

Specifically, I would like to know your policy platform and election campaign commitments on the following:

- **Closing the Gap** – Life outcomes including in areas of health, housing, education and employment must be equitable for all. First Nations people hold the solutions to address the needs of their communities. If **elected/ re-elected**, how would you support Aboriginal community-controlled initiatives, genuine power-sharing by government, and decision-making partnerships to close the gap?

- **Justice & Over-incarceration** – First Nations people, and particularly children, are disproportionately criminalised, over-policed and over-incarcerated. If **elected/ re-elected**, how would your proposed policies address mass incarceration? What is your position on raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility in Australia to at least 14 years without exception? Further, what would you do to advocate for better support systems and resourcing to help end family and gendered violence impacting First Nations communities?
- **Cultural Heritage & Country** – If **elected/ re-elected**, what would be your position on protecting invaluable First Nations cultural heritage particularly when there are competing interests from extractive industries and other development? Regarding energy and renewables, how would you work to elevate the [First Nations Clean Energy Strategy framework](#) for economic empowerment and a just transition to net zero?
- **Voice, Treaty & Truth** – Following the loss of the 2023 Voice Referendum, First Nations self-determination through robust First Nations representative bodies, agreement making, and formal as well as community-based truth-telling remain essential to creating structural change. If **elected/ re-elected**, what would you do to support voice, treaty and truth?

I appreciate you responding to these questions prior to the Federal Election on 3 May 2025. More and more Australians are paying close attention to the priorities of First Nations people and want to understand where candidates and elected representatives stand on these issues. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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