* Introduce yourself and say your name, what suburb you live in what electorate that sits in.
* Tell the person on the phone you are calling because your <***child/sister/brother/etc***> participates in the day services program at the <***suburb name***> site operated by Araluen.
* Feel free to include information about your family member and why day services are essential for your family.
* It has recently come to my attention that day services are drastically underfunded by the NDIS which is causing Araluen and similar organisations to lose significant amounts of money by operating these services. These organisations will not be able to sustain these losses in the long term and if nothing changes, will face cuts to these services or closure.
* As the federal minster for the NDIS/Federal member for Jagajaga, I am asking you to consider increasing the payment for day services participants; to $81.77 per support worker per hour. This amount will allow Araluen to break even and stop incurring losses on the provision of day services.
* Araluen has been an important part of the community here in Melbourne’s northeast for almost 50 years. It would be a terrible injustice for them to have to reduce or cut these services - which are essential for the most vulnerable members of our community - because of lack of funding.
* If you wish to discuss this further, I can be contacted on <***phone number or email***>.
* I look forward to hearing from the member/minister on this matter.