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Your Name

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Dear INSERT MP NAME,

My name is X and I am one of your constituents. I am a carer to a rare cancer patient/ rare cancer patient/a concerned citizen whose life has been touched by a rare cancer.

*Insert personal story: Full Name, age, suburb of person affected. Name of cancer they were diagnosed with and when. List first signs and symptoms. The journey to diagnosis. Treatments received. Results of tests. Current situation, the challenges and expected outcome.*

I’ve been touched by a rare cancer but my story is not rare. There are 52,000 Australians diagnosed each year with a rare or less common cancer, and sadly 25,000 die each year. There are over 200 types of rare and less common cancers. There is very little in the way of funding for research, only a handful of clinical trials, and inequity of access to affordable treatments with many cancer drugs being listed on the PBS for common cancer types but not for rare types.

I believe that cancer is cancer, and rare cancer patients deserve equal treatment.

Rare and less common (RLC) cancers affect all ages and claim the lives of:

* One Australian child every four days;
* One Gen Y every day;
* 10 Gen Xs every day; and
* more Australians, aged 60-69, than any other cause of death

It is time that RLC patients are granted hope that their situation is not certain death.

Please, put rare cancers on your agenda and support the work of Rare Cancers Australia. [www.rarecancers.org.au](http://www.rarecancers.org.au)

I would be delighted if I might be able to meet with you in your electorate office to talk about some of the challenges Australian rare cancers patients face.

I look forward to your reply, with much anticipation

Yours sincerely,

SIGN

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