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Dear Ms James

**A Fair Go For Stroke – Stroke Foundation NSW State Election Policy Platform**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your campaign to deliver better health outcomes for people who have had a stroke.

Having an ageing and growing population in a community with predominantly sedentary indoor lifestyles will likely increase the incidence of stroke in the community. It is vital that we act to prevent and intervene early where possible, and our health systems must be properly equipped to ensure everyone has access to the best treatment and care possible.

The Stroke Foundation “A Fair Go For Stroke” publication recommends proposals that would significantly improve stroke victims’ health and quality of life while having only modest budget impacts and I support them all. If re-elected, I am committed to using my opportunities in Parliament to push for improved stroke treatment and support including of the Face Arms Speech Time (FAST) program, the Stroke Outreach Program, a state-wide stroke telehealth network and treatment pathway, and a stroke ambulance.

I have already reported the FAST notice in my publications to inform constituents how to quickly tell if someone is having a stroke and in Parliament asked the government to promote the campaign as occurs in Victoria. I also called on the NSW Government to support a national stroke strategy at the Council of Australian Governments, fund the StrokeConnect program and support a helpline for stroke victims and their carers.

I met with Stroke Foundation representatives in the past and hope to work together in the future to improve access to treatment and care for stroke victims.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

