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Dear Ms McCabe

I refer to your request for support in developing a clear pathway for diagnosis and support for dementia, defining quality standards in dementia care and reducing discrimination of people with dementia.

With an increase in the incidence of dementia, it is vital that we plan and address challenges for people living with dementia. A number of alarming concerns were identified in your organisation's Design a New Future report including lack of standards specific to care, lack of access to care in marginalised communities and widespread discrimination, and these need to be given priority.

Significant resources must be dedicated to prevention, diagnosis, support, care and community education and this includes establishing pathways for people diagnosed with dementia that provide hope and enforceable quality standards of care. The government in the new parliament should initiate a process working with Dementia Australia, people with dementia, and their carers and families to establish a way forward on these matters.

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. If re-elected, I hope to work with you to push for improvements in how this state deals with dementia.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

