

Subject: Questions on Tibet which are important to my vote in 2022

Dear {Local candidate name}

I am emailing you to understand your position on Tibet and the human rights abuses being carried out by the Chinese Government against Tibetans. These issues are very important to my vote in 2022, and I would like to meet with you to discuss them. If that is not possible you can respond to me by email at {email address}.

Of major concern for me are the Chinese Government's attempts to control the reincarnation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the CCP's desire to name their own Dalai Lama separate from Tibetan practices. The CCP has ratcheted up its efforts to control the next reincarnation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. It has created laws to create its own Dalai Lama and has kidnapped the second most important figure in Tibetan Buddhism, the Panchen Lama and he has been replaced by the CCP.

Will you "pledge to only recognise a Dalai Lama appointed via Tibetan Buddhist traditions and practices, without interference by the Chinese Government."

If you agree to take the pledge, please print the attached pledge, and take a photo or video of yourself signing the pledge and email it back to me at {email address}.

I am very concerned that Australian diplomats, journalists and Australian Tibetans cannot freely visit Tibet. Tibetans cannot visit family or undertake religious pilgrimages to Tibet to do so they must agree to give up their right to free speech, along with other rights such as religious freedom, politicians and others cannot visit Tibet to verify the situation on the ground.

Will you support introducing a Reciprocal Access Bill similar to those in the US and UK which would support my desire and that of Tibetan Australians to freely visit their homeland and families as well as undertake religious pilgrimages to visit Tibet?

Last year Australia passed Magnitsky legislation, bringing Australia into line with its major allies, to strengthen Australia's human rights sanctions regime.

I would like to know if you will, where appropriate, support using the new Magnitsky reforms to sanction those CCP officials abusing the human rights of Tibetans, including those already sanctioned by Australia's allies?

During the occupation of Tibet by the Chinese Government there have been ongoing and large-scale human rights abuses carried out against the Tibetan people. The CCP have attempted to separate Tibetans from their religion, from Tibetan political leadership and Tibetan culture.

I would like to know what actions you or your party propose to undertake regarding the multitude of human rights abuses against Tibetans?

I want to thank you for your time in reading and responding to these very important issues to assist me in deciding my vote in 2022.

Warm regards

{Your Name}