**DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT (for ORGANISATIONS or INDIVIDUALS)**

**Organisation Name**

**Date**

Dear Commissioners,

As you stated in your 2020 Interim Report, throughout the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability you have heard that *“increased advocacy is a key measure to address violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation and would lead to a more inclusive society”* and that *“there is a lack of advocacy services… and that existing advocacy services are under-funded.”*

I/We would like to add our/my support to the submission by Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA) on independent disability advocacy, making recommendations to:

* Enhance disability advocacy service capacity;
* Improve and develop sector quality;
* Improve national co-ordination and data; and
* Enhance safeguarding mechanisms.

[I/We would like to add particular emphasis to….]

I/We urge the Royal Commission to make strong recommendations in relation to independent disability advocacy to help realise the vision of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and of Australia’s Disability Strategy 2021-31: an Australia that includes and values people with disability and safeguards their human right to live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Role]

[Name of Org]