Your name

Date

Mr. Scott Morrison   
Prime Minister

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister,

I/we have seen that Auslan interpreters were used at your press conferences when COVID-19 was known to be a serious problem around the world and when it came to Australia. I/we have not seen the use of Auslan interpreters continue at your press conferences since then and I/we are concerned about this lapse in accessibility.

We have become accustomed to seeing Auslan interpreters working next to the Premier in our state on a daily basis at his/her press conferences. It is really important that we are able to access information especially information that is critical, such as the bushfires of 2019/20 and COVID-19. Many Deaf and hard of hearing people are not fluent in English, so captioning is insufficient. Live captioning does not capture the nuance of the press conferences in the same way Auslan interpreters can. Live captioning often contains errors and missing information which is really concerning especially if the missing information is critical.

Auslan interpreters at press conferences on a daily basis should be the norm, not the exception. It does not signify how important the topic is; Auslan interpreters should always be present at your press conferences.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to hearing your response on this issue that concerns not just me but the Deaf and hard of hearing community too.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Your Address  
Phone number  
Email address