

Keep in mind these guidelines when writing to members of parliament:

- A personalised [individual] letter is usually most effective (Bulk emails or letters can often be ignored as they are not addressed specifically to the member and their electorate.);
 - Be aware of the tone of your letter [No abusive letters];
 - Explain in short the reason for writing;
 - Make sure your message is clear and not longwinded or too emotional;
 - Ask reasonable questions to encourage interest and thought;
 - Where possible put in references to your information from another source;
 - Invite them to respond to your letter.
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HOW TO WRITE TO YOUR MP

Tip's from Andrew Waddell

If you feel passionate about any issue it is important that you inform members of Parliament how you feel.

Before you rush out to start writing letters there are some important things you need to take into consideration. Most importantly think of **what you are trying to achieve**.

You may feel that you often receive a polite standard response, but any response will enable you the start of effective communication. Keeping a positive approach is important to opening further doors for discussion.

You are able to access WA MP's postage and email addresses from the WA Parliament Website www.parliament.wa.gov.au for both the Legislative Assembly and Council.

The Federal Member's contact details can be found at www.aph.gov.au

If you require any further assistance please contact my office on 9454 6415.