

How to write to your MP about the Red Lines Package

Why it matters

The Red Lines Package is a critical call for the Australian government to take concrete action in response to ongoing war crimes and violations of international law.

MPs must hear from their constituents to ensure they support these demands and push for accountability.

Writing to your elected representatives is an effective way to influence their stance.

Before you start drafting your email

Identify who to contact

MPs represent a specific electorate – they are most responsive to messages from their constituents. Find your MP using this [Do Gooder campaign link](#), which will send the email you draft up and paste to your MP.

Research their position

a) Look up their past statements on Palestine, international human rights, or arms trade policies.

How has my MP voted?

They Vote For You is an open source site to see how your MP has voted on different issues previously. Put your postcode in and select your MP.

b) If they have supported similar initiatives, thank them in the email and ask them to continue.

c) If they have not taken a stance, emphasise why this is an important issue that requires their attention.

Writing your email

1. Use a clear subject line

Keep it direct so they know what the email is about.

Subject

Urgent: Support the Red Lines Package

2. Write your introduction

Addressing Members of Parliament [MPs]: Dear Mr/Ms/Mrs [First name] [Surname] MP

State who you are and where you live. Let your MP know that you live in their electorate

Dear Mr ____ ____ MP,

My name is ____ and I'm writing as your constituent in the ____ electorate...

3. Explain why you are writing

Clearly state that you are urging them to support the Red Lines Package.

Mention how this package ensures accountability for war crimes and prevents Australia's complicity.

...to urge you to support the Red Lines Package, which are three critical bills to keep in check and hold accountable Australia's complicity in genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

As a representative in Parliament, you have a responsibility to uphold international law and prevent Australia's complicity in grave human rights violations.

If they have supported similar proposals and laws before, highlight this somewhere here.

4. Make it personal

Briefly explain why this issue matters to you (e.g., human rights concerns, family connections, personal values).

This matters to me because...

5. Clearly state what you want them to do

Ask them to publicly support the Red Lines Package

The Genocide Risk Reporting Bill 2024, Treasury Laws Amendment Bill 2024 (Divesting from Illegal Israeli Settlements), and **Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2024** (Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity)

[An overview of the Red Lines Package](#)

We cannot be silent, and we cannot be complicit. I'm asking you to publicly support the Red Lines Package. We need our elected leaders to take a moral and ethical stance.

I'm asking you to publicly support the Red Lines Package and to advocate within your party to endorse these reforms.

6. End with a call to action and request a response

Politely request a response outlining their position.

Offer to discuss the issue further if they need more information.

...I look forward to hearing from you and request a response outlining your position...

Next steps

Call their office

Follow up with a phone call to ensure they received your email.

Engage on social media

Tag them on Twitter/X or Instagram and ask them to take a stand.

Attend local events or town halls

Raise the issue in person if they are holding a public meeting.

Share this guide

Encourage others to email their MPs to amplify the pressure.