



# HAVE A CONCERN? WHY NOT START A PETITION?

There are many ways for us to tell those who represent us in Parliament how we feel about current issues affecting our everyday lives. Did you know you can write a letter to your local MP or you can even start a petition?

In NSW, many laws and regulations that impact our everyday lives are made and passed by NSW Parliament. Therefore, the best way to change a law or the impact of a law, is to petition directly to those making the laws, such as the NSW Legislative Assembly. You can request a change to laws or a different course of action. Any resident can start a petition and then get other residents to join together to support your community concern.

To start a petition, just follow these 5 simple steps:

- 1 Identify your issue**  
What are you concerned about? You will need good reasons to request a change in law or different course of action.
- 2 Know your local MP**  
As many of the laws that impact our everyday lives are state laws, you will need to write to your state MP to request them to present the petition to Parliament on your behalf.
- 3 Go to the NSW Parliament website and start an e-Petition**  
To create a petition, you must be a resident of NSW and provide an email address. You will also need the name and email address of at least 5 supporters who support your petition.
- 4 Lodge your Petition**  
Once your supporters and local MP have agreed to support the petition, the e-petition will then be open for signatures.
- 5 Share your Petition with your community**  
Respectfully encourage those with the same concerns to sign your petition for change. Their details will not be published online or used for any other purpose nor disclosed without their consent.

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A SAY IN THEIR COMMUNITY**