



Retro Letter Writing Guide

Right now, there is a bill that would see abortion decriminalised in NSW before the Parliament.

The Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 has been voted up by the Lower House of NSW Parliament, however, the Upper House process has been delayed until proposed amendments to the Bill are debated on starting the 17th September.

The Bill has the support of the medical and legal community, and polling has shown over 70% of people in NSW want to see abortion decriminalised. The amendments that have been put forward are nothing more than attempts to undermine the Bill and restrict access to abortion.

There's plenty to do to make sure MPs hold to their support for the Bill! Here's how you can help.

Like the current laws, we're going old school. Nothing says retro like sending a woman or doctor or nurse to gaol - so we're using old tech to fix an old problem. It's time to take the actions below.

Guide to writing a good letter

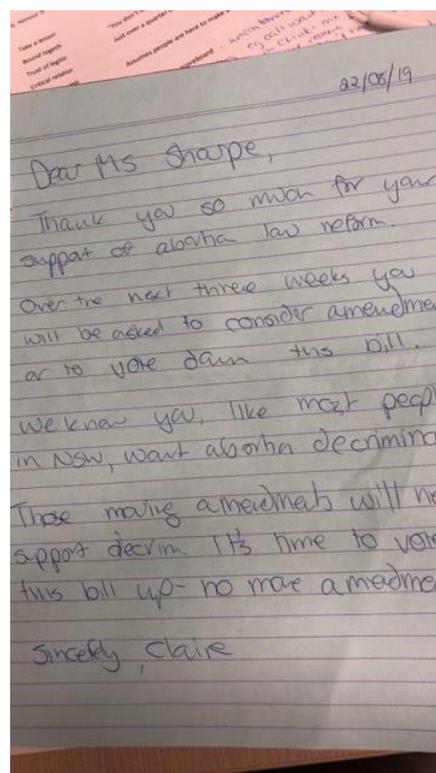
Your letter doesn't have to be long – here's an example.

26 letters is a lot but they all matter. Or, team up with a friend or your colleagues and split the list!

You can even host a letter writing party – in your tea room at work, at the pub, or host one at your home! Then send the letters to us and we will sort posting and faxing them to MPs.

Key points for you to cover:

1. Thank you for speaking in support of the Bill, this is such an important reform.
2. Please don't support any amendments that will mean the intent of the Bill is lost - abortion access should be made easier, not harder.
3. Like the majority of the community, I support abortion access and pregnant people and doctors should not be criminalised.
4. Thank you again for your vote.



And don't forget to take a selfie with you and your letter/posting your letter :) You can tag us at @ourbodieschoices (Instagram) Our Bodies Our Choices (Facebook) @OurBodiesChoice (Twitter)

How to host a letter writing party

Like you, we were disappointed to see the final vote on abortion law reform pushed back. However, we've made it over a big hurdle - the Bill passed its second read vote in the upper house. We now proceed to amendments which will happen 17 September. This means we've got three more weeks to campaign.

We won't be waiting and worrying in the meantime - there's plenty to do to make sure MPs hold to their support for the Bill!

Pick a group of people who have reason to be together – your workmates at lunch, the next meeting of your branch if you're part of a political party (as long as it's before 10 September), your book club or D&D gaming night, a BBQ or party - get everyone together and write your letters.

MPs have received thousands of emails and calls - some so abusive from anti-choice groups that they've turned off the phones to save their staff. Emails are now being diverted. To match our old-fashioned laws, we are having an old-fashioned action.

We know MPs read the physical mail they get. We're asking you to send your MPs a letter or a postcard to thank them for their support of the Bill and ask them to hold strong in their position.

You can use the template attached to write yours. You will need 26 of these OR your letter party can sign 26 copies of the group letter template.

Take a selfie with you and your letter and send it to us via Facebook, Twitter or Insta, then POST THE LETTER TO US ASAP at:

**PO Box 613
Haymarket NSW 2000**

BEFORE 10 SEPTEMBER.

Dear

I want to write to say thank you for your vote in favour of abortion law reform. It matters a lot to me and people in NSW that we finally have the chance to see the reform that most people in our community want.

I know a number of MPs have said they will move amendments to the Bill. When you consider them, please do so with the intent of the Bill in mind: decriminalising abortion and making access easier. The Bill achieves this now, and I would urge you to vote to pass it.

I know you have weeks ahead of people calling and emailing to tell you to change your vote. I wanted to write to say thank you, to you and your staff, for dealing with all of this and for voting the right way.

We know the community supports this reform, and it is long past time. I trust women in NSW to make their own decisions. I'm glad you do too.

Yours Sincerely,

MLCs to thank at your letter writing party- your print-and-bring list

Abigail Boyd GREENS

Anthony D'Adam ALP

Ben Franklin NATIONALS

Emma Hurst ANIMAL JUSTICE

Mark Buttigeig ALP

Tara Moriarty ALP

Walt Secord ALP

Adam Searle ALP

Bronnie Taylor NATIONALS

Cate Faehrmann GREENS

Daniel Mookhey ALP

David Shoebridge GREENS

Don Harwin LIBERAL

John Graham ALP

Justin Field INDEPENDENT

Mark Pearson ANIMAL JUSTICE

Natalie Ward LIBERAL

Niall Blair NATIONALS

Penny Sharpe ALP

Peter Primrose ALP

Rose Jackson ALP

Mick Veitch ALP

Sarah Mitchell NATIONALS

Shayne Mallard LIBERAL

Trevor Khan NATIONALS

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