

A Strong New Nature Law

Volunteer Letter Writing Guide

The Australian Government is in a once-in-a-generation process of overhauling our national nature law. Together we can make sure the new law halts nature destruction and ends the extinction crisis. It's critical that MPs hear from their constituents (You!) in order to ensure reforms have the ambition needed to halt the rapid decline of our wildlife and natural places.

Hand written letters to MPs is a powerful way to get your voice heard.

We have the solutions, if the government acts swiftly and with ambition it can ensure a safe, liveable environment for our wildlife and for all Australians. Now is crunch time, nature can't wait!

Getting started

- 1. Find your electorate and MP: https://electorate.aec.gov.au/
- 2. Search for your MP postal address in your web browser
- 3. If you're short on time, send them an email instead of a letter in the post

Tips

- Stay polite, friendly, and respectful.
- Contacting politicians always feels a little nerve racking but remember that your MP's job is to listen to your concerns and ensure that our government is acting in accordance with the Australian peoples wishes.
- The letter example is provided as a guide, no need to follow it word for word.
- Consider adding a personal story.
- Consider drawing your favourite animal or bird on the envelope, or do it with the kids in your life!

Letter Example

Your Name Suburb, State, Postcode Date

MP's Name Member for **(Electorate)** Electorate Office Address

Dear (MP's Name),

I understand the Government is currently reforming the EPBC Act, our national nature law. I am writing as a constituent in **(your electorate)** to urge you to support a strong new nature law that closes the loopholes still allowing deforestation in Australia.

Right now, Australia's forests are under serious pressure. Our national environment law has loopholes that still allow deforestation and land clearing to go ahead. This weakens protections for threatened species including the koala and quoll, and destroys vital habitat. I'm asking you to make sure the government's new reforms close those loopholes and actually stop deforestation.

I call on you to please commit to supporting a strong nature law that ends deforestation in Australia by closing the exemptions that allow native forest destruction to slip through.

Specifically by:

- 1. Fully regulating the agricultural industry, especially bulldozing of our forests for beef production
- 2. Removing the exemption for native forest logging under the Act

Without a strong nature law that genuinely protects and restores nature, the destruction of wildlife and forests will continue and countless more native animals will face extinction. Please ensure a safe, liveable environment for our wildlife and for all Australians.

Please use your role in Parliament to stand up for Australia's forests and make sure the new law lives up to its name.

Kind regards, (your name)