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## How to contact your local Member of Parliament

### **Step 1: Identify your local Member of Parliament**

1. Go to the South Australian Electoral Commission's "Electoral Districts" website at: <http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/apps/news/?year=2006>
2. If you already know your electoral district, choose it from the drop-down menu on the left of the screen. If you don't know your electoral district, type your suburb into the "Suburb Search" box on the right of the screen.
  - NOTE: Some suburbs may be located within more than one electoral district. If this is the case for your suburb, just click one of the options. On the next screen (providing the details of that electoral district) click the "View Map" icon at the top left of the screen. You will be able to tell from the map if you have selected the right electoral district for your particular part of a suburb.
3. Once you have found your electoral district, you will be shown a page providing details of that district, including who it was named after, the approximate area, and its location.
4. Scroll to the end of this page. You will see a table listing all Members of Parliament who have held a seat in that electoral district. **The last name on that list is the current Member for that district.** To confirm, check the column marked "Period" – the current member will show only the year they were elected, with no date given for the end of their term in office.

### **Step 2: Find the contact details for your Member of Parliament**

1. Once you have the name of your local Member, go to the South Australian Parliament website at [www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Members/ContactDetails.htm](http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Members/ContactDetails.htm).
2. This site lists all Members of Parliament, in alphabetical order, by last name. It provides contact details for their electorate office, which electoral district they represent, and which political party they belong to.

### **Step 3: Write your letter**

1. SACOSS has provided [letter templates](#) for our five key election issues — child protection, housing, social infrastructure, concessions and law & justice issues — and there is also a blank template you can use to address any other issue you think politicians need to know about in the lead-up to the election.

### **Step 4: Send it!**