

Writing and emailing Politicians.

All addresses for State and Federal Politicians are listed on the respective Parliament Web Sites. eg. www.parliament.nsw.gov.au There are full directories for Ministers, Shadow Ministers, all Members, Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council. Just chose which list you would like. Both postal addresses and email addresses are listed. Their phone numbers and fax numbers are also listed.

Victoria is www.parliament.vic.gov.au

South Australia is www.parliament.sa.gov.au and so on...

The Federal Parliament website is at www.aph.gov.au All members are listed either under House of Representative or Senate and you can chose from all members, party lists, ministers, members by state or by electorate, or even by gender. Again all email addresses, postal addresses and phone and fax numbers are listed.

If emailing, the quickest way to email numerous members without putting them all on a collective list, is to write your email, and then just cut and paste the email addresses from your chosen list as you send off each individual email.

Many politicians will only reply in writing if you provide a return postal address, so it is suggested that you include this at the conclusion of your email.

Many ordinary members of parliament will forward on your enquiry to your local member of parliament for a reply, but I expect numerous emails to a wide range of politicians, all over Australia, will still have an effect. When writing to Ministers, Federal or State, it is recommended to include a statement to the effect "this is not a local electorate matter, I am interested in your views as a Minister, and look forward to your reply".

In particular, it is suggested that emails and letters to the Federal Minister for the Environment are appropriate. He can be contacted at;

Email: senator.ian.campbell@aph.gov.au

Electorate Office:

Level 38, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

GPO Box B58
Perth WA 6838

An example of a recent email sent to all NSW and federal members is;

I am extremely concerned about the impacts of climate change and the very clear link between coal fired power generation, CO2 levels in the atmosphere, and global warming.

I am very interested to learn just what your government, and you personally, are doing to reduce the emission of CO2 into the atmosphere. Can I ask you:

- *Is your electorate office using Green Energy and not coal based electricity?*
- *Is your home using Green Energy and not coal based electricity?*
- *Is Parliament House using Green Energy and not coal based electricity?*

If the answer to any of these questions is "no", then why not? and what are you going to do about it?

Please do not under-estimate the strength of understanding and concern about this issue in the electorate. It will be a major consideration for a very large number of people at the forthcoming election.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

It is suggested that people write their own emails so as to maintain an individual flavour.

Perhaps references to Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth" and Tim Flannery's book "The Weather Makers" would also be useful.