

## Writing to your Local Member

1. Find out who your local member is via the SA Electoral Commission here: <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/map>
2. See how your local member voted at the Second Reading of the 2019 Decrim Bill here: <http://sexworklawreformsa.com/how-mps-voted/>
3. Start your letter by letting your local member know that you are a constituent that supports the Repeal of Sex Work Offences Bill. For example:  
*“Dear (Local Member’s Name),*  
  
*My name is (your name) and I am contacting you as a local constituent to urge you to support the Repeal of Sex Work Offences bill currently before Parliament.”*
4. If your local member has previously been supportive of sex work law reform, still write to them to ensure they remain supportive. You can also thank them for their support so far.
  - a. If your local member has previously not been supportive, write to them as their constituent, to request their support and ask them why they have previously not supported sex work law reform
5. Include some information that you feel is important, below are some examples:

### **Sex workers are at risk of violence, threat, and intimidation:**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) reports that under criminalisation sex workers are at three times the risk of experiencing violence

### **Sex workers face barriers to accessing justice and healthcare:**

Due to criminalisation, sex workers in SA report they are unlikely to report crimes committed against them to SAPOL due to fear of prosecution. Sex workers also struggle to access healthcare due to stigma and discrimination

### **Sex workers are at risk of worker exploitation**

Sex workers are unable to access workplace protections provided to other workers because they are criminalised. Sex workers cannot unionise and thus are underrepresented and at risk of worker exploitation