

SAFETY FIRST IN FAMILY LAW 2016

A GUIDE TO WRITING TO POLITICAL LEADERS

Family law is such an important part of women and children's recovery from family violence. We want to make sure this issue stays on the radar of every political party in the lead up to the election.

Thanks for taking the time to write to our political leaders. Here's some help on what to write.

Email addresses:

Prime Minister: libadm@liberal.org.au

Mr Shorten: Bill.Shorten.MP@aph.gov.au

Senator Di Natale: senator.dinatale@aph.gov.au

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

- + Introduce yourself
- + Outline the current problem and the solution
- + If you have a personal experience of the family law system, share it with them
- + Ask them to write back to you with their plan to address the issue
- + Please cc us into your email and let us know if you get a response!

safetyinfamilylaw@womenslegal.org.au

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear Prime Minister

My name is and I live in...

The family law system is a critical part of supporting survivors of family violence to recover and heal but it can't support women and children when it's in crisis. Every single day women and children are being traumatized and placed at risk by a broken family law system.

It's time to fix the family law system. I am asking you to put the safety of women and children first by adopting Women's Legal Services Australia's five step road map to safety in family law. The road map can be found at: www.safetyinfamilylaw.org.au

My experience of the family law system is....

I'm not asking for another review or another inquiry. We know what the solutions are. It's time to act now. I ask you to ensure that your party commits to adopting the five step road-map, with specific election policies that prioritise safety in family law.

I look forward to receiving a response from you.