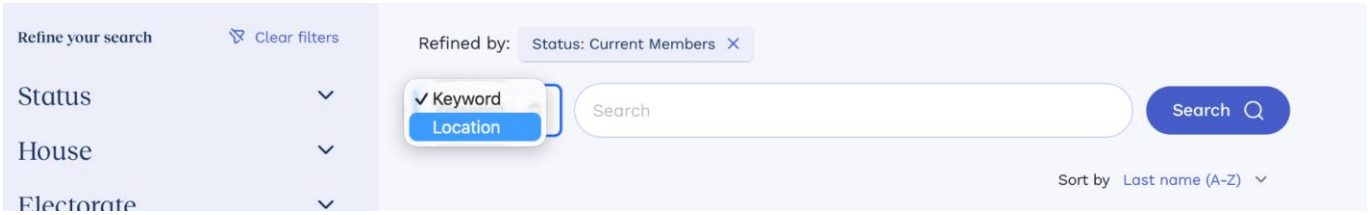
Letter Template - Instructions

1. Find your local MP:

- Go to the official Parliament of Victoria Member Finder website and set to
    - ‘current members’
    - ‘Legislative Assembly’ **and** ‘Legislative Council’
- Change the filter from keyword to location:



- Type your home suburb or postcode in the central search bar.
- Click on member’s profile for the following information:
    a. Title and Name, MP
    b. Electorate name
    c. Electorate office address

    Example:
    Title and Name: The Hon. Ben Carroll MP
    Electorate: Niddrie
    Electorate Address: 441 Keilor Road Niddrie VIC 3042

    OR

    Title and Name: Ms Chris Couzens MP
    Electorate: Member for Geelong
    Electorate Address: Shop 9, Pakington Strand Shopping Centre 95-103 Pakington Street Geelong West VIC 3218

2. **Fill in the blue sections on the letter template, including adding a personal reflection if you would like to**
3. **Change all fonts to black.**
4. **Send the letter, and if emailing it, please BCC vic@phaa.net.au.**

[Your address]
[Your suburb]
VICTORIA [Postcode]

[Date]

Name of candidate or member of parliament
[electorate office address]
[Suburb] [State] [Postcode]

Dear [Candidate/MP's name],

I am a constituent in your electorate of [your electorate Name]. In the upcoming election, I want to see a genuine commitment to support the improved health and wellbeing of everyone in Victoria by funding policy options beyond our overburdened hospital and acute health care system.

Because of this, I strongly support the key priorities outlined by the Public Health Association of Australia's VIC Branch, and urge you to include them in your election platform. These are:

1. Invest 5% of total government health expenditure on preventive health by 2030.
2. Maintain VicHealth's full funding and independence.
3. Ensure at least 5-year funding for local public health units to deliver successful population health and health protection outcomes for their communities.
4. Establish and fund a Victorian Public Health Officer training program.

Backing these priorities will show voters a real commitment to public health and a healthier future for everyone in Victoria. Furthermore, a focus on prevention is not only essential for better health, but a smart long-term investment as every $1 spent on prevention saves $14 in future economic and health benefits.

[Letters can have greater impact if they are personalised. Please consider adding a short personal reflection here - Example: I see the value of grassroots prevention right here in [Electorate] through vital state-funded (or VicHealth) initiatives such as xxxxxxxx.]

I look forward to hearing about how you and the [party name] will support these priorities.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]
[Email]
[Phone number]