



# How to stand up for religious freedom

*In light of the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021*

## 1. Contact your local Members of Parliament in Victoria

Writing to Members of Parliament (MPs) is an effective way to communicate with them about this Bill. A short letter (emailed or mailed) respectfully expressing concerns with the legislation will help them understand what is important to people of faith.

Each Victorian has one MP representing their local **district** and six MPs who represent their wider **region**. If you're unsure who to write to, you can find out which district/region you are part of and the contact details of the MPs representing you here:

[www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/electorates](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/electorates)

## 2. Contact your federal Members of Parliament

Writing to federal Members of Parliament to tell them about what is happening here in Victoria is also vitally important, because religious freedom legislation is potentially being considered on a federal level. You can write to them to share your concern and ask them to act to protect the religious freedom of all Australians.

Each Victorian has one local MP representing their geographic **area** and twelve Senators who represent their **state**.

Details of your local federal Member of Parliament can be found here:

[www.aph.gov.au/Senators\\_and\\_Members/Members](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members)

*Simply scroll down to 'Search Members' and type in your postcode to find your MP.*

Details of Victorian Senators can be found here: [www.bit.ly/3BNVYAI](http://www.bit.ly/3BNVYAI)

## 3. Share your concerns with others

You are also encouraged to tell your family, friends and those in your local community about your concerns and ask them to become active too.

## 4. Get active on Social Media

You may also like to share your concerns with your Members of Parliament via their Social Media pages.

## 5. Find out more

Keep up to date about this issue at:

[www.melbournecatholic.org/religiousfreedom](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/religiousfreedom)