



## HOW TO: CONTACT YOUR POLITICIANS

Make sure your government knows you do not support the further criminalisation of peaceful protest actions or the widening of police discretionary powers.

We recommend you get in touch with **your State MP via email and phone by searching their electorate office contact details**. If you're not sure who your local MP is, find out which electorate you're in then search for your State Member of Parliament.

### **It's also a good idea to contact these key decision makers:**

Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk:

(07) 3719 7000

[thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au)

Minister for Police and Corrective Services, Mark Ryan:

(07) 3035 8300

[police@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:police@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

### **CALLING TIPS:**

- Introduce yourself to the person answering the call (likely a staffer, or a public servant). State your name and where you live.
- State the reason for your call (I'm calling today to express my concern about the State Government's plans to introduce...)
- Explain the reasoning behind your concerns (I am particularly concerned about... - see our email template below for some examples)
- Ask that your call be recorded and that your message be passed on.

### **EMAILING TIPS:**

- We have prepared the following email template to copy and paste. Please fill in your own details and adjust/edit/add to the body to ensure your email has maximum impact.
- The introduction of your email should be adjusted depending on whether you're writing to your local member, or the Premier or Police Minister.
- When writing to your local member it's a good idea to emphasise where you live, and that as their constituent, you ask them to seriously consider your views.
- Ask for a response to your email.



Dear Ms/Mr [REDACTED] / Minister [REDACTED] /

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident in your electorate (OR I am a Queensland resident living in [REDACTED]).

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and discontent for new laws proposed in Parliament this week, targeting peaceful protesters. These laws are designed to intimidate and harass peaceful protesters, with no evidential basis, while unjustly extending police search and arrest powers.

Labelling protesters with entirely reasonable demands for action on climate change as “dangerous” and “extremists” is deliberately hyperbolic and serves to dehumanise and delegitimise their perfectly reasonable demands.

I am very concerned that these proposed laws aim to silence dissent, and are not consistent with community expectations or the democratic pillars on which Australia is built. Like the 97%+ scientists, who are backed by thousands of peer reviewed papers, the wider Queensland community understands the realities and urgency of the climate crisis, and they want governments to act on this.

Given existing laws are sufficient to cover any genuine indication that devices are designed to harm, it would appear these allegations only serve to justify the draconian expansion of police powers.

Rather than implement new repressive laws that make citizens feel unsafe to speak out and exercise their democratic rights, I would urge you to redirect your efforts to the development of law and policy into real action on climate change.

Please don't turn your back on the science, and concerned citizens. While you may believe these laws will silence dissent, I believe they will only create a bigger and stronger movement of people willing to stand up and speak out against this government's injustices against people and our planet.

The real risk citizens of Queensland face right now, is the impacts of fossil-fuel induced climate chaos. I would urge you to speak out against these laws, put moral panic to one side and focus on real issues.

Please provide a response to this email. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss my concerns further.

Thankyou,

[NAME]

