

FUNDING AMBULANCE SERVICES IN W.A.

Writing Letters to Lower House Politicians.

Ideally at least 20 separate letters for each electorate, delivered in the week commencing 9th October.

Writing to a politician.

- There are some sites with helpful information on letter writing to politicians.
- Search in Google – ‘Writing to Politicians’
- One that can be helpful: Share4Rare, Guidelines How to write a letter to a Politician.

Where to find names and addresses of Legislative Assembly members of Parliament.

- Google: ‘parliament.wa.gov.au’
- Quick link to Legislative Assembly – Lower House
- Members – 59 members
- Listed alphabetically by surnames, or members by electorate.

The information gives you electorate office info, including Postal Address of your representative. (Send it to the electorate office, not Parliament House.) The information gives you the correct title and any position within the lower house (assembly).

E.G. of top of letter, and addressing envelope.

Ms Rebecca Stephens MLA
Member for Albany
Acting Speaker
PO Box 5765
Albany 6330

Points for letter

- **Identify yourself**, eg. My name is I am a resident of
- **State why you are writing – ‘regarding Funding of Ambulance Services in W.A.’**
- **It is most important that the letter is in your words and not from a template.**
- **Write about your personal experiences or knowledge of others.**
- **(Below are examples only.)**
 - Eg. I live in an area where access to an ambulance is restricted.
 - Eg. I know of people who have experienced trauma or inability to pay ambulance costs.
 - Eg. I am amazed by the inequality of ambulance service in parts of WA.
 - Eg. I believe the ambulance service should be within the emergency services area as is Fire and SES.
 - Eg. Rural and remote ambulances substations manned by volunteers need to raise funds for fundamental resources such as an ambulance. Volunteers provide an amazing service and should not need to fundraise for essential items.
 - Eg, Rural people can get insurance through SJA. City people can be charged a huge amount and cannot get insurance through SJA.
 - Eg. People already dealing with disability and poverty cannot afford to call an ambulance.
- **Expand on your initial statement.** (Your letter should be no longer than a page)
- **Close with a statement saying what you believe the ambulance service should provide for WA residents.**
This will depend on the content of your letter but may include:
 - Free ambulance service for WA residents.
 - Adequately funded volunteer ambulance subcentres.
- **Conclude with your name, address and contact details.** (Alternately this can go on the right side at the top of your letter.)