

# ACTION FOR AFGHANISTAN

## How to approach your Federal Member of Parliament

- Search your home postcode for your local MP: [www.aph.gov.au/Senators\\_and\\_Members](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members)
- Send them an email or letter

## To meet with your MP, make a request by:

- 1 Including your request to meet in your email or letter as well as your residential address and phone number.
- 2 Phoning the office later in the day to follow up the meeting request email. Ask that your request gets to the diary manager.
- 3 Keeping the meeting simple. Explain who you are, and why Action for Afghanistan matters to you and your local community.

## Making the asks of the MP:

- 1 Will you contact the Minister for Home Affairs to request support for Action for Afghanistan? Yes/No
- 2 Will you speak in Parliament in support of Action for Afghanistan [per asks in your letter]? Yes/No
- 3 Ask to be updated and thank the MP for their time.

## Do's and Don'ts

- Be polite to everyone in the MP's office
- Be clear about meeting time, date and location details
- Be clear about what you want to asks the MP to do
- Be positive about engaging with the MP
- Tell stories that paint a picture and relate to your local community and MP
- Don't be disappointed by refusal to meet or refusal of asks- this is a process of building relationship
- Don't forget your MP meeting is one of many across the country being requested by Action for Afghanistan supporters
- Do celebrate every successful step of engagement with MPs as building collective Action for Afghanistan.