

Phone call script – Calling your local MP about the Murphy Report

When the office answers:

"Hi, my name is [Your name], I'm calling from [Your suburb]. Is [MP's Name] available, or can I leave a message?"

When they say the MP isn't available (which they usually will):

"No worries. I just wanted to pass on a message about gambling reform. It's been over two years since the Murphy Report came out with recommendations to reduce gambling harm, and nothing's happened. We're still losing \$32 billion a year to gambling.

With Christmas coming up, this is especially concerning. Research shows gambling harm increases during the festive season, financial stress and all those ads push vulnerable people to gamble more, often those already struggling the most.

*I'd really like **[MP's Name]** to push for action on this, like banning gambling ads and setting up a proper national regulator. It's getting worse, not better."*

[Just tell them honestly in your own words, like:]

- "I've got kids and they're seeing gambling ads constantly during sports"
- "I know people who've lost everything to gambling"
- "I'm just sick of seeing betting ads everywhere"

Wrap it up:

"Can you let [MP's Name] know I called? It'd be good to know where [he/she/they] stands on this."

Optional – if you want to follow up:

- "Is there an email I can follow up with?"
- "Thanks so much for your help. Have a good day!"

QUICK TIPS:

- Just be yourself. You don't need to sound formal
- It's totally fine to be brief (even 1 minute is enough!)
- The staff are used to these calls—they'll be nice
- If you're nervous, it's okay to say "I don't usually do this but..."