



Suggested text you can use to send an email to politicians to advocate for stopping family violence early:

Handy links to find out who is asking for your vote:

You can find your electorate here: <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-details>

You can find out who your current local member of parliament is here: <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/state-districts>

Major and minor party websites show the candidates running in your electorate and their contact details:

Labor Party: <https://www.viclabor.org.au/our-team>

Liberal Party: <https://vicliberal.org.au/our-team/state/candidates>

The Nationals: <https://vic.nationals.org.au/our-team/>

The Greens: <https://greens.org.au/vic/candidates>

One Nation: <https://vic.onenation.org.au/candidates>

Dear [Your MP],

[You can start your letter by introducing who you are and why ending men's use of violence matters to you]

Too many Victorians are living in fear because too little is being done, too late, to stop family violence. Police and courts should be the last resort, but they have become the first system response for victim-survivors, and often only after years of enduring violent and controlling behaviour.

Acting earlier is key to giving everyone impacted by a man's use of family violence a real chance at recovery and healing. Your party has a choice to make: **Will you keep paying for the consequences of family violence or invest early in stopping it at its source?**

More is needed to keep men using family violence on the radar of key systems and services, challenge violent behaviour earlier and create sustained pathways to change ***before the cycle repeats***. Right now, Victorians are paying twice: through the devastating human cost of family violence and high costs to government systems responding primarily after damage is done.

Early intervention is not only good social policy. It is good economic policy. Every act of violence we stop early is harm, trauma and public cost avoided. Victorians need government to act on family violence early. It will save Victorians the cost of waiting for violence to escalate and give victim-survivors, including children, adult parents, partners and ex-partners a real chance at recovery and healing to stop violence early.

[Anything else you want to say about the benefit of intervening early]

No to Violence has a plan to help the next government make earlier intervention a reality. The plan is common sense, focused on what needs to change to avoid costly mistakes stacking up. I want my next representative in government to back that plan.

Learn more here: <https://ntv.org.au/advocacy-media-projects/fear-shouldnt-live-here/>

[Your sign off]