



HOW TO WRITE A LETTER TO AN MP

How to politely express your concerns about the threat of potential mining in the Clarence Catchment, and its negative impact on our local environmental, water, social, cultural, and economic health if approved.

How to ask an MP for support and help with this issue. [LETTER TEMPLATE ON THE NEXT PAGE](#)

WHY WRITE, AND WHY NOW?

- The petition has been lodged with the NSW Government, and will be debated in parliament on the 5th of August.
- The CCA will be present at the debate in Sydney and will be meeting with MPs to discuss our community's concerns.
- Your personal stories of care and concern are crucial.
- We need let MPs know how important a moratorium on mining in the Clarence Catchment is.

PLEASE WRITE TO

Please help us secure the healthy future of our local environment, water, society, culture, and economy.

Please write to the some or all the MPs listed below NOW.

It's easy just use the letter template on the next page, click the link below, paste it in and hit send.

Postal addresses here www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers

NSW Ministers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gladys Berejiklian – Premier of NSW nsw.gov.au/premier-of-nsw/contact-premier • John Barilaro - Deputy Premier of NSW, Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/deputy-premier-minister-for-regional-new-south-wales-industry-and-trade • Rob Stokes - Minister for Planning and Public Spaces nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-public-spaces • Melinda Pavey - Minister for Water, Property and Housing nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-water-property-and-housing • Matt Kean - Minister Energy and Environment nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-energy-and-environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Harwin - Special Minister of State, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/special-minister-of-state-minister-for-public-service-and-employee • Stuart Ayres - Minister for Jobs, Investment and Tourism nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-jobs-investment-tourism-and-western-sydney • Kevin Anderson - Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/contact-a-minister/minister-for-better-regulation-and-innovation • Adam Marshall - Minister for Agriculture nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-agriculture-and-western-new-south-wales
Local MPs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Gulaptis – NSW Legislative Assembly Member for Clarence, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, and Infrastructure clarence@parliament.nsw.gov.au 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Hogan – Federal Member for Page, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister Kevin.Hogan.MP@aph.gov.au
NSW Shadow Ministry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Minns - Leader of the Opposition kogarah@parliament.nsw.gov.au 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prue Car - Deputy Leader of the Opposition londonderry@parliament.nsw.gov.au

LETTER TEMPLATE ON THE NEXT PAGE

SUGGESTED LETTER TEMPLATE BELOW - Obviously delete everything above this line.

Please follow the instructions below as a start point and remember these are only suggestions. It's to help you form your own ideas. Personalise it, and please be polite as our community is seeking assistance from a place of care. You can use Step 5 wording exactly.

Add Date

Add Ministers Name

Add Ministers Title

Add Ministers contact details

Dear (Mr, Mrs, Ms, First Name, Last Name, Title

1. Introduce yourself, let them know your title, your role in the community, groups you associate with, and your constituency.
e.g., Name, parent, Elder, farmer, tourism operator, community leader, teacher, commercial fisherman, surfer, business owner, associations or groups, your constituency - Clarence Valley NSW local, NSW Northern Rivers resident, Page local government area constituent etc.
2. Introduce the issue you are concerned about.
e.g., The potential threat of mining on the Clarence Catchment, the potential threat of contamination of local waterways, drinking water and / or irrigation if a mining was approved, the threat to your culture, way of life or business, the 25+ exploratory mining licenses held within the Clarence Catchment and the 4 current exploration sites, etc.
3. Use some information, draw attention to facts or the negative impact mining has on water, the environment, and communities.
e.g., How much money local industries that rely on clean water contribute to the Valley, how many jobs are provided by those industries that would be decimated if the water was poisoned, the impact on cultural ties to country, river dreaming stories, the species that would be affected, evidence of specific mining disasters in Australia or overseas, the chemicals used in the mining process such as cyanide, the unreliability of tailing dams, Acid Mine Drainage, mining and water pollution, mining in high rainfall and flood zones, impact on habitat, ecology and rare and protected species, current exploration site locations throughout Bundjalung and Gumbaynggirr country with waterways flowing through Yaegl country, etc.
You could use the The Clarence Valley Council or Clarence Catchment Alliance resources to help. <https://linktr.ee/Nominesclarevalley>
4. Explain why this issue concerns you.
You could:
 - Use a personal story
 - Link the problem to the negative impacts potential mining would have on you and the community.
 - Use environmental, ecological, water, social, cultural, spiritual, and / or economic health as the basis for your explanation.

e.g., Commercial fisherman. If mining was approved and tailing dams flooded, contamination of the river would mean the end to thriving local seafood industry and successful business. Jobs and income loss. Threat not just personal but entire market. Uncertainty surrounding mining causing concern already.
5. Tell the MP what you would like them to do.
(Copy and paste below text)

I ask that you:

- a) Support and respond to our community and Clarence Valley Council call for a moratorium on future mineral mining - both exploratory or active mining - in the Clarence Catchment, and surrounding Local Government Areas, and revoke existing exploratory licences, in recognition of the Clarence Valley's importance for threatened species and ecological communities, such as the Eastern Freshwater Cod and Koala.
- b) Join our calls to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to amend Schedule 1 of the NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 to add the following as prohibited development:
 - mineral mining and mineral exploration in the Clarence Catchment and surrounding Local Government Areas
- c) Seek to amend the NSW Mining Act 1992 to prevent mining and mineral exploration occurring in all environmentally sensitive areas and drinking water catchments across the Clarence Catchment and surrounding Local Government Areas.

Thank you for your time, I await your response with anticipation

Sincerely

Your name