



# Legislative Council — Petitions

## SUMMARY OF THE STANDING ORDERS AND PRACTICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PETITIONERS

1. Every petition must be in English or accompanied by an English translation certified to be true and correct by the Member who presents it.
2. A petition must be respectful and temperate in its language.
3. Every petition must state the action or remedy sought from the Council on the top of every sheet.
4. Every page of the petition should be set out in the following manner. A petition template can be downloaded from the Parliament of Victoria website.

### TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

The Petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council .....

*(here state the circumstances of the case)*

The Petitioners therefore request that .....

*(here outline the action or remedy sought from the Legislative Council)*

NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN/ SUBURB	POSTCODE	SIGNATURE

5. No letters, affidavits, or other documents may be attached to the petition.
6. Each petitioner must print his/her name and address in full and sign the petition. A petitioner cannot sign on behalf of another petitioner, except where the petitioner is incapable of signing.
7. Only citizens of Victoria can sign the petition.
8. Petitions can only be presented to the Council by a Member of the Legislative Council. A petitioner must arrange for this to be done through his/her local Member or another Member of the Council. Contact details of Legislative Council Members can be found in the Council Members' List.
9. A petition will not be accepted if it makes application for a distinct grant of public money to be paid to an individual.
10. Further inquiries concerning petitions should be directed to:  
Legislative Council Table Office  
Parliament House  
Spring Street, East Melbourne 3002  
Phone (03) 9651 8678  
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