

[ANSWER THE CALL: WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL MEMBER AND GET THEIR COMMITMENT]

Dear [appropriate title]

At a time when gripping television dramas have society collectively asking what's influencing our young people and how we can help them, I want politicians to focus on what's real.

Recently I watched the premiere of the Australian film "Unanswered Calls". The documentary tells the real stories of young people who have experienced family violence. They share how they repeatedly reached out for help and fell through the gaps in support systems designed for adult victim-survivors. The documentary highlights how there is no dedicated family violence support for our youth.

I am writing to you to raise this as an issue for consideration in the current election campaign.

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre has devised two clear solutions to this problem.

I urge you to review their policy document "[A National Response for Young People](#)" or visit safesteps.org.au/our-research-advocacy.

We need you to join calls for a national response, to give young people relevant help in the digital spaces they use.

The National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032 was released in October 2022. It's the overarching national policy framework designed to guide actions towards ending violence in one generation. To have any hope of achieving that goal, we urgently need to support young people to break cycles of intergenerational trauma.

But the National Plan is silent on the need for young people to have a dedicated response. I would like to know your position on this issue and whether you will commit to advocating for change on behalf of all Australian young people.

Please review Safe Steps evidence-based plan and give young people a voice during this Federal campaign. Lives are depending on it.

From

[your name]