

#RightTrack

#RightTrack Conversations in VIC – Report

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO MEETING YOUR MP OR SENATOR

1. Put the call out:

If this is the first time you've organized to meet with your MP or Senator you may like to put a call out to like-minded friends to join you. Make sure they are across the issue and the report.

2. Get a meeting date:

Check the [Parliamentary sitting dates](#) to make sure your MP is in your electorate. Email your request to office staff providing a couple of alternative dates. If you haven't received a response within a week ring and ask for the diary manager, who sometimes will check the diary while you are on the phone.

3. Do your homework:

Do a quick google scan to see if your MP has made any public comments on asylum policy. Check over their first Parliamentary speech.

4. Work out what you want from the meeting:

Review the data in the report and decide what you want your MP to do. For example, if you want your MP to make a public statement to get children and their families evacuated from Nauru, attitudes to indefinite detention in the report will help to support for case. Here are some other ideas – don't be shy about asking BIG:

- Speak out on the floor of Parliament
- Raise with the Immigration Minister or Shadow depending on MP
- Have their photo receiving the Report and post on social media

5. Take a copy of the Report

Print out and take a couple of extra copies to handover to your MP, this increases the likelihood of it being read and shared with office staff, who are in an excellent position to influence the attitude of your MP.

After the meeting:

Let your group contact know how you went, send them through your photo with brief statement about your meeting and if your MP agreed to act on your ask. Your report back will be one of 1000s to be posted on the [#RightTrack](#) website as we continue to build our case for fair and decent asylum policy in the lead up to the federal election.