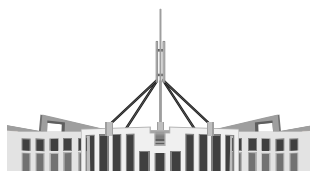


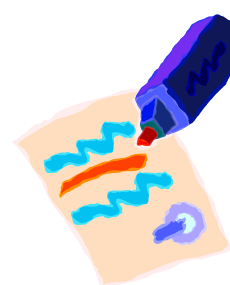
Kids can write to politicians too!



Politicians are the people that work in government. They spend most of their time working in parliament buildings like the one in Canberra. Politicians are very busy people. Because they are busy, they sometimes need to be reminded about things that are important to deaf kids. **It is up to us to remind them!**

Why we must remind politicians about deaf kids....

There are deaf kids all over Australia. Most of these kids are born deaf. All deaf kids are different. Some have hearing aids, some have cochlear implants and some kids use Auslan to communicate with their family and friends. Some kids have a hearing aid, a cochlear implant and sign. Everyone is different and has different needs. All deaf kids want to learn and be happy at school. There are lots of things that deaf kids can tell politicians about being you and what is important to you.



How to remind politicians about deaf kids....

Writing to politicians is the best way to remind them about how important deaf kids are. You can write to thank them for something they have done or to let them know that you are concerned about something.

It doesn't have to be a boring letter; you can use lots of pictures. You might like to draw a picture and write about what is in the picture. Explain to the politician why it is important that they remember deaf kids when they are busy working in their parliament building.

What are the benefits of writing to politicians...

We need to remind the politicians about how important looking after deaf kids all over Australia is. Politicians working in government have the power to change laws and give more money to help all sorts of people. Our Federal Government gives the money for hearing aids and cochlear implants and other important things like that. Our State Governments give money to test the hearing of babies and for all the teachers and schools that deaf kids need to learn. It is hoped that when politicians learn how important all these things are in the lives of deaf kids, they will make decisions that continue to improve the lives of all deaf kids around Australia.



We all make a difference - let's make it a positive difference!