

BBB MP CALLING GUIDE



Who are we calling?

1. **Victorian ALP MPs** – either your local state MP if they are ALP or your upper house ALP MPs. Find your local ALP member on this page - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UEBFbUQK1hKQu9ejcfKxwp3X1IMWnbplcg3w_sFhaal/edit?usp=sharing
****Please DO NOT call Jenny Mikakos the Health Minister if you are from her district (Northern Metropolitan upper house MP) and Dan Andrews (Mulgrave). We acknowledge their priorities during the COVID-19 crisis and will not be calling their office till after their immediate crisis responsibilities are over.****
2. If you have more time, you can call:
 - Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Phone : (03) 9637 9504, **Email**: lily.dambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au
 - Tim Pallas, Treasurer
Phone : (03) 7005 9474, **Email**: tim.pallas@parliament.vic.gov.au
 - Martin Pakula, Minister for the Coordination of Jobs, Precinct and Regions – COVID-19 Crisis Council of Cabinet
Phone : (03) 8392 2221, **Email**: martin.pakula@parliament.vic.gov.au
3. If your local MP is not from the ALP you can still call them and ask them to show their support for this.

It is important to measure our collective impact on this issue.

Add each call you make to the [tally linked here](#) and see how many calls we make over the next 3 weeks!

What are we asking MPs to do?

We want our MPs to know we support sustainable solutions for a COVID recovery and we want them to advocate for them too. ([check out](#) our open letter, policy report and Climate Council's stimulus report further down in this document)

We ask all Labor MPs to:

1. Make a public statement in support of putting jobs-rich climate solutions at the centre of Covid-19 economic recovery efforts.
2. Write to the Premier and Treasurer asking them to commit to this.

Calling Script

Intro/reason for calling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hi [staff member name] my name is [name] and I'm a resident of [suburb/electorate].● Can I please speak to [MP name]? / Ask you to pass on a message? <p>I'm calling to ask what [MP name] is doing to ensure that Victoria's economic recovery measures from this pandemic will focus on creating jobs that will help</p>
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	<p>us address the climate crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was disappointed to see the announcement that the emission reduction targets decision will be delayed until an unknown time. I understand that the pandemic is the top priority right now but we can't afford to delay climate action and there are ways we can address both climate and economic recovery at the same time. • <i>I have a couple of specific comments and questions that I would like my MP/the minister to know and follow through with.</i> <p>You can also add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have also seen a report by the Climate Council with detailed modelling showing that Victoria could create 15,000 'clean stimulus' jobs for the next 3 years through more renewable energy, housing retrofits, active and sustainable transport and other top climate action priorities. • I have signed an open letter from Environment Victoria to Premier Andrews and Treasurer Pallas asking them to make sure Victoria's COVID-19 economic recovery focuses on jobs-rich climate solutions. • Top institutions and leaders from around the world are calling for this and I want to know where you and the Victorian Government stands
<p><u>Make it personal</u></p>	<p>(If you are speaking to a staffer ask them to register your comments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I particularly want to see your government announcing X because.... • X solution would help me/my household/my kids' school/my local community by creating jobs/restoring the local environment/reducing energy bills <p>If you have one, add a personal example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My child/grandchild/friend has lost their job/had their hours reduced in XX industry. They would love to have job opportunities in an area that is creating a better, more sustainable world.... <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was so upset about the bushfires at the start of this year and the future looks so bleak with immediate pandemic impacts followed by escalating climate impacts – we must address both at once... <p>Example solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I particularly want to see the state government announce a major roll out of home energy efficiency upgrades because <u>this could create a huge number of local jobs while also making long-lasting reductions in people's energy use and bills.</u> • Specifically, the state government could implement this by expanding their popular Solar Homes program to incorporate home energy efficiency upgrades. In addition to installing solar pv, the expanded program would allow homeowners to undertake important insulation,

	<p>drought-proofing appliance upgrades to make their homes more comfy and use less energy.</p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I particularly want to see the state government announce more plans to build large solar and wind farms because <u>this would mean we can reduce climate emissions and create thousands more jobs for Victorians in the renewable energy industry</u>
<u>Clear Ask:</u>	<p>I have 2 specific questions for my MP/the minister to support this solution by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will you make a public statement that you support Victoria's economic recovery focusing on jobs-rich climate solutions? Will you write to the Premier and Treasurer asking them to commit to make jobs-rich climate solutions central to Victoria's economic recovery efforts? And pass on their response to me?

Follow up with an email to your MP

Hi XXX,

I am writing to follow up on my call about Victoria's economic recovery focusing on jobs-rich climate solutions.

Add you personalised message/story as you did in the call

Here are some documents and research that I mentioned, that specifically explain how Victoria could benefit from jobs-rich climate solutions and tackle the economic and climate crisis at once:

Link to Environment Victoria's open letter

<https://environmentvictoria.org.au/action/open-letter-will-victoria-buildbackbetter>

Link to Environment Victoria's climate policy doc -

http://environmentvictoria.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Joint-NGOs_Stimulus-and-reform-opportunities-for-the-Victorian-Government_July-2020.pdf

Link to Climate Council's stimulus job modeling - <https://climatecouncil.good.do/clean-jobs-plan-vic/email-mp/>

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And pass on their response to me?

Best regards,
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Objection Handling + Ministerial offices

They say: The best way to get your message across is an email.

You say: I will be sending a follow up email with the relevant information, however I would like to have my comments registered to pass on to my MP.

I also want to request a response to my specific questions via email or phone.

They say: Can you send us some resources/documents/open letter?

You say: Environment Victoria has sent all MPs a climate policy document, you should be able to find that in your inbox.

I can send it to you again, as well as the open letter and the report on jobs and climate solutions by the Climate Council.

[Link for open letter](#)

[Link for climate policy doc](#)

[Link to Climate Council stimulus](#)

They say: The ministers are busy focusing on immediate response to the coronavirus developments at the moment.

You say: I understand and appreciate that the current crisis calls for untiring efforts from ministers and they are doing their best to get us on the other side. However, important decisions of climate targets and the budget are also looming. This is an opportunity for us to both recover from one crisis and tackle another.

There are people in the cabinet responsible for the COVID-19 recovery and we want them to know that the community supports jobs-rich climate solutions and we will greatly benefit from it, both in mitigating the economic disruption to our/my/my family's lives and a first step towards a more hopeful, sustainable future.