

LAW-MAKING TEMPLATE

HOW TO AMEND A BILL

You are a member or senator debating a bill. This template will help you propose an amendment to the bill.

Mr/Madam Speaker *(House of Representatives)* President *(Senate)*
(concerns)

I am unsure about this bill.

Australia is a big country and this bill will affect people in different ways.

I am concerned that _____ -

(new information)

Research overseas has shown that

(proposed action)

We need to examine all aspects of this bill such as

and why _____

(possible amendment)

It is important that the Parliament does not make hasty decisions. It may be better to amend the current bill to

(other ideas)

(concluding statement)