Invitation letter to Members of Parliament

***Note: Contact details for State Members of Parliament are available on your state’s parliamentary website.***

<<insert date>>

<<MPs Name >>

<<address>>

<<address>>

<<address>>

Dear <<name>> ***[Note: Ministers are addressed as Hon. while MPs are Mr/Mrs/Ms]***

Each year, [**World Suicide Prevention Day**](https://www.iasp.info/wspd/) is observed on 10 September. To mark this important event, << name of your organisation>> are hosting a community event at << venue>> on <<date>>.

The event involves a number of local service providers from the suicide prevention, mental health and wellbeing, and community sectors to raise awareness about suicide prevention in our community.

Suicide is the leading cause of death in Australia among people aged 15 - 44. There were 3,144 deaths by suicide in Australia in 2021, with an estimated 65,000 suicide attempts made.

Collaboration between the health and mental health service sectors, the community, other government agencies and non-government services is vitally important if we are to address these statistics and bring about change across Australia.

The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day this year is **Creating Hope Through Action.** This theme is a reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and aims to inspire confidence and light in all of us.

We are seeking to highlight the positive benefits of safe and open public discussion about suicide prevention and are looking to our community leaders to confidently contribute and lead the conversation.

As an important community leader, we invite your participation at our event on <<date>> from <<start time>> to <<finish time>>. We look forward to your support and hope to see you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

<<your name>>
<<your organisation –if relevant)>>