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2. ***Optional:*** Include page numbers (on each page)
3. ***Optional***: Include the following on the first page/letter for the submission:  
   * The date you will submit e.g. “Thursday 11 July 2024”
   * The address of the committee:
     1. Committee Secretary

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* + Include “By email” if you are emailing it across e.g. “By email: [legcon.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:legcon.sen@aph.gov.au)”

1. Then write your cover letter/introduction to the submission, using the guide below on what to include, at the end of the submission (this could be one page or multiple pages) sign off with:
   * Your nameA letter of a document

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   * Your contact information (this will not be displayed online)

Here is an example of what a submission can look like:

If your submission is accepted it will be posted on the [committee website](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/GCAHWC2024).

To see examples of other submissions (from the now closed Senate An Inquiry into economic self-determination and opportunities for First Nations Australians). You can view them [here](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Aboriginal_and_Torres_Strait_Islander_Affairs/Economicself-determinati/Submissions).

## **Template**

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By email: [legcon.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:legcon.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Committee Secretariat,

* A bit about yourself
* Why you are writing the submission:
  + Do you want the submission confidential, or only some parts, or none? Let them know.
  + Why do you think the government should remove the requirement for the Attorney General (AG) to consent to prosecuting genocide and other crimes against humanity cases? If this power was removed, anyone can file for proceedings on these crimes in a court, without the AG being able to interfere.
  + Why do you think the government should review previous decisions by AGs to give or refuse consent?
* Optional/suggested to include: Supporting materials (this can be artwork, books, articles, research papers, conversations you have had with your family members, community and friends).
* Optional/suggested, if you would like to appear as a witness at a public hearing: “I would like to attend public hearings held in [your closest city].”
* Optional/close something like “I look forward to my submission being reviewed by the committee and I hope it will form part of the Chair’s final report.”

(Optional) Signature

Your full name

(Optional) Your email address

(Optional) Your phone number