**Key tips for writing a speech for Raise Our Voice in Parliament**

* Outline what you think Australia's new parliament should accomplish.
* Aim for 200 words. This will translate to about 90 seconds, which is allocated time. *It’s important you stick to this – speeches over 90 seconds long will need to be edited for length.*
* Highlight one issue, if you can, and talk about why it’s important and what you want the future to be.
* Don’t focus on the politics of the issue, focus on the end goal of what you’d like to see.
* Explain why the issue is important and why people should care.
* Use simple language which most people would be able to understand.
* Shorter sentences are best. If you can break a sentence into two, consider doing so.

**Template 1 - “The explanation”**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Federal electorate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Introduction** | **This section should include:*** Your name
* Your age
* Your electorate
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| **Explanation** | **This section could include:*** What change would make Australia a better place for future generations?Think about the change you want to see, where would you like to see yourself and Australia in the future? What can parliament do to support this vision?
* Is this change for you, your friends or family, the environment, technology, or social issues?
* Why is this goal or issue important? Think about yourself and the people listening to your speech.
* How do you think our parliament can help achieve this change?
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| **Conclusion** | **This section could include:*** A short summary of your points
* An ending on a positive note or a warning
* A ‘call to action’ - what would you like parliament/ politicians to do?
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Template 2: the story

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| **Introduction** | **This section should include:*** Your name
* Your age
* Your electorate
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| **Explanation** | **This section could include:*** The story of how you realized the issue was important.
* Where were you when you had the realization?
* What happened in the lead up to that key moment?
* How did it feel to have that realization?
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| **Conclusion** | **This section could include:*** Why action on this issue is important
* An ending on a positive note or a warning
* A ‘call to action’ - what would you like parliament/ politicians to do?
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